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New Years Eve Sydney Fireworks display 2015.
We wish you a Happy New Year in 2016.

*Dear subscriber,
We wish you all the very best for 2016. It was a magic start for the New Year after seeing the spectacular display of fireworks on Sydney Harbour. You will be able to relive the event by clicking on the video above. Enjoy.*

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The Gossip

Firstly, Happy New Year. To see the year end with such a wonderful display of fireworks on Sydney Harbour coupled with perfect weather, certainly was the pivotal springboard into 2016.

Our club had a very full year last year. It was top heavy towards the end of 2015 with our 20 year Anniversary Celebration, a Bus Christmas Party and vacating the Tramshed. It is amazing to look back on these activities and of course other events which occurred during the year and wonder how we pulled through. I must say, without it sounding too much like a cliché, it could only happen with a great team. My personal thanks to everyone, even those who thought they only played a minor role. It all helps to keep that wheel spinning!

So, what about all the new news for this year, 2016. It has already started!

We have a new Facebook page. What does this mean? It means we can post our ideas, thoughts, comments, and activities on a page which the public can see. We will now be an intrinsic part of social media. Let's use it wisely, to

share, like, comment, make friends and stay in touch. See and read more about our Facebook page in this newsletter. Also you can take a look at the 'Facebook for Newbies' video tutorial in this newsletter.

Our new home. It is in the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL. Our first class begins Wednesday 27 January at 9:00am. We can take advantage of all the facilities - which we did not have at the Tramshed! So of course we can meet after our classes for a chat over a coffee, drink or a meal. We will also have regular social catch-ups for those who would like to drop-in. Every second Wednesday at 12:00pm we can meet over lunch, a snack or just a beverage, which is always great value at club prices. Full details about this will be forthcoming.

Our new one hour sessions. These will be group tutorials on apps and technology of interest to both students and trainers. Bookings are essential for these free events. We also invite those who would be interested in running their own session in their area of expertise to contact us and slot in a session time. Please see the sessions currently made available, in this newsletter.

All our students will now be trained on their own devices in our one-on-one classes, be it laptops, tablets or mobile phones. So do not forget to bring your device to your lesson!

As always, we invite new members, current members and past members to share in all our club activities. If there is a new thought, idea, event you would like to discuss with us please contact us. Our new meeting area in one of the Dee Why RSL lounges, cafes, restaurants or bars can be well suited for this type of discussion.

All our contact details will remain the same as last year with the addition of our Facebook page.

Look forward to catching up with you all, over the course of the year. Please enjoy this newsletter.

Have a wonderful 2016.

Kind regards,
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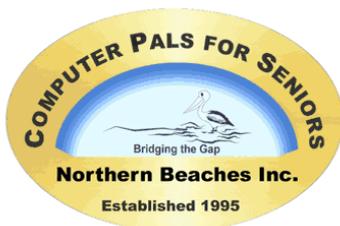
Dates for our diary

- **Relocation to Dee Why RSL**, The Meehan Room: Term 1, Wednesday 27



January 2016

- **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
- **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



'State of the Nation Address'

by Allan Burrowes - President

Well not exactly but it is the state of the Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches Inc. As you are no doubt aware from previous Newsletters and meetings that we will be no longer occupying the clubroom at the Tramshed Arts and Community Centre as of the 23rd December 2015. [more](#)



Bye, bye Tramshed, 23 December 2015. How empty inside! We are now looking forward to when the Tramshed's renovations are completed. In the meantime see you at our new venue, the Meehan Room, Dee Why RSL.

RELOCATION TO



2016 TERM 1

2016 Term 1 at Dee Why RSL

Term 1 starts at Dee Why RSL in the Meehan room (main entrance level) on Wednesday 27 January 2016. We will be operating on a Monday from 9.00am to 4.00pm, Tuesday 9.00am to 4.00pm and Wednesday 9.00am to 1.00pm. We will only be training on laptops and tablets, no desktops.



NEW Facebook page for Computer Pals Northern Beaches

It is an exciting time for us as Computer Pals Northern Beaches as we

have just launched our new public Facebook page. This will keep us all up-to-date with what's happening at Computer Pals Northern Beaches. You can view this page even if you do not have your own Facebook account at: [facebook.com/compalsnb](https://www.facebook.com/compalsnb) or just click on the picture above. We will outline the best way to use our Facebook page in further newsletter publications. You can make a start by viewing the [introductory video tutorial on Facebook](#) included in this January 2016 newsletter.

Rewind 2015



Rewind 2015. View our online monthly newsletters over the past year.

Our Christmas Party with a difference in 2015



It was a Christmas Lunch Bus Party! We were wined, dined, entertained and shown the sites of Sydney. We boarded the bus at the Tramshed then journeyed to Mrs Macquarie's Chair then Rose Bay and back. The Christmas Lunch bus had full catering facilities with an amazingly, comfortable table arrangement. Both days were packed with Christmas fun. Ms Claus thanks all our guests our caterers and all who helped make it such a success on both days.



Google Nest, Apple Pay, holograms, robots and connected homes lead us to the future

Technology will develop even faster in the future, as Australia moves towards fully connected homes and driverless vehicles. **Fancy attending a Whitney Houston concert?** Don't concern yourself that the singer died nearly four years ago. For better or worse, hologram concerts by dead stars are on the agenda and a Houston virtual world tour is imminent, says organiser Hologram USA. [more](#)

ATO boosts service access via app and voice authentication

The ATO's voice identification system can be used with its app. Taxpayers will be able to log in to the Australian Tax Office app using voice



authentication. The ATO announced on Tuesday it would extend its voice authentication system to its mobile app, allowing users to "enrol" a voiceprint which could be saved to their device and used to log in to the app. [more](#)



24 words that mean totally different things now than they did pre-internet

Technological change, as we know very well, tends to provoke linguistic and cultural change, too. It's the reason why, several times a year, dictionaries trumpet the addition of new and typically very trendy words. But more interesting than the new words, I think, are the old words that have gotten new meanings: words such as "cloud" and "tablet" and "catfish", with very long pre-internet histories. [more](#)

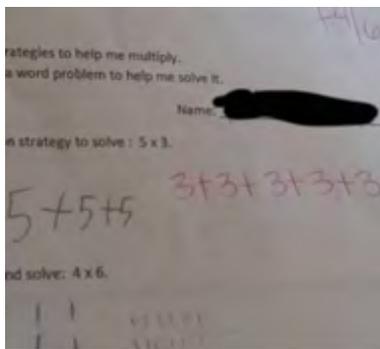


From Demon Cat to extreme ironing: The most fascinating Wikipedia articles you haven't read

On November 1, Wikipedia announced a mind-boggling milestone: Its English edition has logged 5 million entries since its launch in 2001. That's a profound accomplishment - but also overwhelming, as far as such things go. At 2.5 billion words and almost 30 terabytes of information, the largest repository of human knowledge is far too large to ever be read in its entirety by any individual (if you started reading, continuously, today, it'd still take you 19 years and change). [more](#)

Why 5+5+5 doesn't always make 15

Working out the answer to 5×3 may seem simple enough but the solution one student gave has

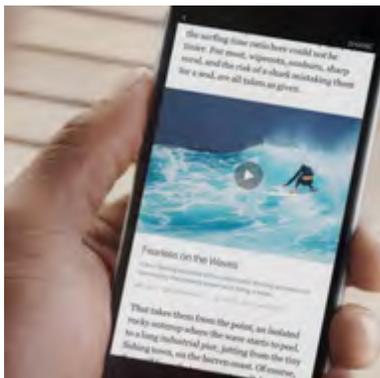


sparked an online debate. The maths question, which asks pupils in the US to work out 5×3 using the repeated addition strategy, was posted on Reddit. It shows a Year 3 pupil being marked down for the solution $5+5+5$, with the teacher noting the correct working out should be shown as $3+3+3+3+3$. [more](#)



YouTube generation abandon TV for Minecraft tips and interactive content

Like a lot of adolescents and tweens, 14-year-old Archer Murray and his 11-year-old sister, Cady, spend their free time reading, playing games, talking with friends and watching videos on the internet. With their laptops, mobiles and tablets, they click on YouTube, searching for a range of content, such as episodes of Japanese cartoons and tips on what to do in *Minecraft*. [more](#)



Facebook challenges YouTube with new video features

More video features are coming to Facebook. Facebook says it is testing an array of features aimed at getting people to watch more videos at the leading social network. The new tools come in a growing challenge to YouTube, which would be sidestepped as viewers flit between videos at Facebook. [more](#)



Undo send: How to avoid SMS and email misfires

Emails and text messages go off half-cocked all the time, whether it's a sensitive work message on which you unintentionally copied the whole company in on, or - as in [Peter Dutton's recent stuff-up](#) - a ranty text message that went to the target of your ire rather than to a crony. [more](#)



Online payment providers duel for supremacy

San Jose, California: In a bid to cash in on the next big things, online payment processors are working directly with merchants, from global giants to local minnows, in order to refine, reinforce, and rebuild the infrastructure that facilitates the exchange between merchants and customers. [more](#)



New Facebook feature helps you purge ex from timeline after breakup

Breaking up has never been harder than it is in the internet age. And in recognition of this tragic and undisputed fact, Facebook has begun testing a new tool to make it easier. From now on, the company said in [an announcement](#), users will have some additional privacy options when they change their relationship status to "single." [more](#)



Facebook for Newbies

Please click on the arrow above for the video tutorial



The Wearable Chair - *maybe try it for size!*



Tips & Tricks

- [Make your iPhone faster with this one simple trick](#)
 - [21 antivirus scanners tested for real world performance](#) from Brian Mackie, Trainer
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Chew on this

[A simple wake up call ... in more ways than one!](#)

Amazing artistry

This will blow your mind



Amazing photography

Courtesy of Brian Mackie - trainer

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Dee Why

by Nan Bosler, Vice President

In 1814 a reference to a lagoon 'south of Long Reef' was made in the field books of Actg. Government Surveyor, James Meehan. On 27 September 1815 the reference is shown as "Dy Beach". There are many explanations about the



origin of the name Dee Why and there appears not to be a verifiable version. [more](#)

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