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ABOVE: Our first four training sessions held in the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL. We were delighted with the number of attendees. Some sessions needed extra seating! VIDEO'S CLOCKWISE: What is new in Windows 10, How to use Facebook, Excel Introduction, How to use the Apple Photos app. Please click on each arrow for a short video preview of each session.

Dear subscriber,
Isn't it an interesting time for us all living on the Northern Beaches.
Let's see which council we end up with. Much dinner party talk! Enjoy
the tail end of Summer.

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The Gossip

There is always a kind of exciting buzz around when change is in the making. Settling into our new home in the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL



has been a comfortable transition. We easily adapted to juggling the seating arrangements for our first four weekly group training sessions in the Meehan Room. A couple of sessions required extra seats! We were thrilled to have so many enthusiastic attendees join our groups.

I wonder if it was the thought of being able to enjoy our new wining & dining facilities afterwards – after all they were lunchtime events!

It has been brought to our attention by a couple of our trainers Brian Mackie and Charles Migel about experiences they have with a couple of recent SCAMS. Please read their article in this newsletter using their first hand advice. How many hidden treasures have you locked away, maybe too valuable to have on show in your home? Well, this is the opportunity for public display. Please read our article about Warringah Councils Hidden Treasures Exhibition for Seniors Week.

Talking about Seniors Week, visit us at in the Luana Room in Dee Why RSL where guest speakers will be introducing us to a healthier lifestyle assisted by new technology. We also have a social event we can attend within Seniors Week run by Dee Why RSL. We can meet up for a show and perhaps dinner. Hope you can make it. Details are in this newsletter.

I cannot sign off before I tell you about a personal experience I have just exhaustingly had. Who uses Airbnb?

This is how the story goes. My friend rings me from Indonesia. He is shooting a documentary and will be staying longer than anticipated. He asks me to write a glowing review about his waterview property overlooking Pittwater because he is renting it out through Airbnb. I agree.

Now, don't hold your breath ... this is what follows.

In order to write a review you need to be an online member of Airbnb. So here are the steps to join.

1. All your contact details
2. All your personal details
3. Your profile photo
4. Your Passport details or
5. A photo of the **front** of your drivers licence
6. A photo of the **back** of your drivers licence
7. Your PayPal account
8. Your Facebook ID or
9. Your Google Account ID
10. After 100 glasses of red and 2 hours later I was WELCOMED!

It is less frustrating applying for a home loan!
Isn't technology meant to make life easier?

Needless to say I have not written the review as yet because –



click my photo to find out!

Enjoy our newsletter.

Take care.

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](#)
- **Excel Advanced**
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 9 March 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE anne.computerpals@gmail.com
- **Seniors Festival 2016**, Luana Rm, Level 3, Dee Why RSL - Thursday 7 April, 1:30-3:30pm
- **How to use iPads (beginners)**
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 6 Apr 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE 9982 9829 aburrowes@optusnet.com.au

How to use iPads (intermediate)

Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 13 Apr 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE 9982 9829 aburrowes@optusnet.com.au

- **ASCCA Notice Board**

A list of many events and activities -
ASCCA newsletter, [see page 2](#)



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



Grow Young

The 2016 NSW Seniors Festival theme is Grow Young.

Grow Young is about celebrating seniors for their energy, experience and unique ability to know who they are, and what makes them happy.

No matter what your age, it's never too late to grow – to learn, to laugh and to be inspired. [more](#)

Consider a free presentation given by a community speaker from COTA NSW for Senior's Week 2016.



Our talks are informal, interactive and usually entertaining for the people who attend. With 10 years' experience in community education for older people, you can be sure that COTA NSW's trained speakers will deliver your group a good quality session. These Information sessions are FREE, last for one hour, and are available to any group of ten or more people of potential or current home care consumers. [more](#)



What do you have to showcase at the Hidden Treasures Unveiled Exhibition for NSW Seniors Festival 2016?

Warringah Council is hosting a unique exhibition at the Warringah Creative Space, that will showcase items of special significance to local seniors, enhanced by the story behind their favourite thing. We anticipate a fascinating collection of trinkets, clothing, books and household items to interest the most curious of viewers. An additional highlight will be the Antique Road Show where participants can have their items valued by an expert. Wednesday, March 30 to April 3, 10:30am-3:00pm. For further info email: info@compalsnb.org.au or click on [Hidden Treasures Unveiled Exhibitions](#)



Why not join us for a social get together for Seniors Week?

Show: The Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis Show

Where: Dee Why RSL

When: Friday, 8 April 2016 at 8:00pm

Cost: \$30 (no discounts – unless you know something we don't know!)

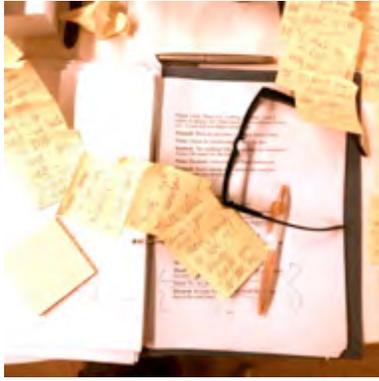
Dinner: If you choose to dine before the show, we will meet at 6:00pm in the Aqua Bar.

All welcome, partners included.

Bookings: info@compalsnb.org.au

It promises to be a fun evening. See you there.

[More details about the show.](#)



News for all budding playwrights!

With Autumn around the corner, it's nearly time for the first 2016 Ensemble Stages Play Reading. Would you like to test your new play out in front of an audience? Submit your work and it could be chosen for our Autumn Reading, which will take place on Saturday 7 May, 2016.

This is an opportunity to have your play shared with an audience, to get your name out there and to hear valuable feedback to take your work to the next level. [more](#)

Facebook for Computer Pals Northern Beaches

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 or just click on the photo above.



Compals NB Training Sessions MARCH

Excel Advanced

Wed 9 March 12.00 to 1.00pm

John Bell facilitator

Bookings: anne.computerpals@gmail.com

APRIL

As part of the Seniors Festival, we have added

additional sessions as follows:

How to use iPads (Beginners)

Wed 6 April, 12 to 1pm

Bookings: aburrowes@optusnet.com.au

Learn more about iPads (Intermediate)

Wed 13 April, 12 to 1pm

Bookings: aburrowes@optusnet.com.au



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

**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 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.

SCAMS ~ SCAMS ~ SCAMS

submitted by Brian Mackie and Charles Migel - Trainers

Please click on the photo below to read about two recent scams.

The "Tech Support" Scammers Called HTG (So We Had Fun with Them)



Online Safety

Please click on the image below to keep updated with online safety



ASCCA Technical Info for Clubs

by Mark Young, Technical Officer



There are many important technical updates included in Mark's newsletter. For those who are interested in reading all his fourteen key points please click on [more](#) to view the complete newsletter.

Try GIMP (like Photoshop) & Inkscape (like Illustrator)

Both are FREE

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Say Farewell to Google's Picasa

Google plans to end support for Picasa and transition users to Google Photos, the company announced today. Picasa, an image-organising application Google acquired 12 years ago, has seen few updates in recent months as Google focused development efforts on its shiny, new Photos app. Support for the Picasa desktop album will end on March 15, though it will continue to work for users who already have it installed. Uploaded Picasa photos will be transitioned to Google Photos on May 1. [more](#)



It's time to upgrade to Internet Explorer 11

Even if your business hasn't made the leap to Windows 10, you can't live in the past when it comes to your default web browser. Microsoft is pushing hard for us all to upgrade to Windows 10, but there's a more pressing issue for business users. The software giant recently scrapped security updates for older versions of Internet Explorer, insisting that people upgrade to Internet Explorer 11 if they want to stay safe online. [more](#)

Twitter launches Moments in Australia to collect tweets around specific events

Twitter has begun rolling out its Moments feature in Australia on Wednesday, offering a new, more



curated way to discover trending content and keep tabs on breaking news and live sport. While discovery on Twitter previously relied on following the right people, searching for hashtags or clicking on trends - all of which would also inundate users with heaps of potentially irrelevant information - Moments are concise collections of tweets, images and videos from Twitter that have been hand-selected to tell a story or follow a live event. [more](#)



How the 7-Eleven Fuel app lets you lock in the cheapest fuel in your area

We all like to save money on fuel when we can and 7-Eleven has made that a little easier with a world-first app that lets you search local stores to find best price in your area. The new 7-Eleven Fuel app, available on iOS and Android, gives drivers the ability to check out the 7-Eleven stores near them to find the lowest price. [more](#)



Unmanned shop opens with a swipe of your phone

Customers simply use their phones to unlock the door with a swipe of the finger and scan their purchases. All they need to do is to register for the service and download an app. They get charged for their purchases in a monthly invoice. [more](#)



Aussie company wins global contract to build smart home foundations

An Australian team is building the foundations of the smart home of the future, with an alliance of the world's most powerful technology companies appointing local software developer Two Bulls to expand the AllJoyn internet of things framework. Originally developed by Qualcomm, the open source AllJoyn framework allows smart devices

to discover each other and work together regardless of manufacturer. [more](#)



iPhone changes will give bosses more control over employees' devices

Apple's next big software update for iPhone will make it easier for your employer to control the apps you can install, and even define where they appear on your homescreen, while also making sure users know if they're being watched. [more](#)



Australia embraces MPEG-4 digital TV with new racing channel

If you can't see the horse racing on Channel 78, your old TV or set-top box probably doesn't support the new MPEG-4 broadcast standard. A dispute between Tabcorp and Racing Victoria over horse racing on the Sky Racing channel is the unlikely catalyst for a major change in Australian broadcasting. [more](#)



Ricochet uses power of the dark web to help journalists, sources dodge metadata laws

A new internet messaging tool, which sidesteps the federal government's metadata collection regime to assist human rights activists and help journalists protect whistleblowers, has received a tick of approval from security experts. [more](#)

How Telstra customers can claim free Microsoft OneDrive cloud

If you're a Telstra customer, you can now take up a generous offer of free additional cloud storage on Microsoft's OneDrive so you can safely store all of your important files online. Existing Telstra



customers with pre-paid and post-paid smartphone plans along with mobile broadband and home broadband accounts will be eligible for 200GB of OneDrive storage – at no extra cost.

[more](#)



A woman's 'mute' tattoo says all you need to know about her disability

A tiny tattoo of a mute button behind a young woman's ear is causing a cacophony online. In an artful and humorous expression of her disability, Imgur user raingoose said the delicate tattoo was a polite way of letting people know she was hearing impaired. [more](#)



Behind the scenes with Face Swap Live, the latest viral app

When I smile, Hillary Clinton smiles back. When I raise an eyebrow, hers lifts in unison, like a bizarre game of Simon Says. When I grimace, the wrinkles on her forehead deepen, her lips crinkling and pursing to one side. Thanks to the wonders of computer vision and a goofy new iOS app called [Face Swap Live](#), I am controlling Hillary's face — with nothing more than the expression on mine. [more](#)



Reality? For some, it's so last century in the music business

The crowd of thousands roar into action as she takes to the stage. Pumping green-coloured glow sticks into the air in rhythm to the music, they are lost within it, entranced by her singing and dancing. She is a best-selling artist, wildly popular with people of all ages and her concerts

sell out in a matter of seconds. [more](#)



Apple rumoured to reveal new cheaper iPhone 5SE this month

The rumours are getting stronger about Apple unveiling a new entry-level iPhone this month to attract a wider range of customers who can't afford the current iPhone models. The device – reportedly called the iPhone 5SE – is said to have a four-inch screen with an updated metal design that includes the Touch ID fingerprint reader. [more](#)



Chew on this

[Terms and Conditions!](#) - submitted by Graham Clark, Trainer

[Computing power cost!](#) - submitted by Allan Burrowes, Vice President

3D drawings that will blow your mind!

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Nostalgia

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Dean Martin & Angie Dickinson on the set of Rio Bravo, 1959

360 degree views

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Early Pittwater

by Nan Bosler, Vice President

Just six weeks after the colony was founded, on 6 March 1788, Governor Phillip in a cutter, and Lieutenant Bradley in a longboat from the flag ship of the First Fleet, *Sirius* set out to examine the 'broken land' described by Captain Cook. It was nightfall before they reached a point north west of Lion Island. [more](#)



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](#)



ASCCA March Newsletter 2016

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- Thanks to Jenny Willcox from her ASCCA friends & colleagues
- Share the Shoebox ASCCA Forum
- Vale Norma Thornburn [more](#)

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