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# RCC | Redcliffe Computer Club

## NEWSLETTER August 2021

### Report from your President

Hello fellow members and welcome back from yet another lockdown. Nice to be back to "normal" again for a while. Let's hope sufficient numbers of our people get vaccinated in the near future to reduce or even prevent any further lockdowns.

Due to our club being closed for the last fortnight, we currently have a bit of a rush of members needing some help. Sorry if we cannot attend to your issues immediately. No doubt things will return to normal before too long so long as we don't see more lockdowns.

Peter Emmerson is away for this month with family and health issues so won't be available until sometime in September. Narelle Rodway is back and is now tutoring on Mondays. With Peter away, and Alex departing to live in Caboolture, I have changed my day to Friday to fill the gap. Natasha is still away doing an education course but should be back in the latter half of this month.

Mary conducted a workshop on internet purchasing and selling last month and we had lots of interested members attend. With current Covid restrictions, we have to now limit attendances to workshops to 20 people. This will probably remain in force for the foreseeable future so we may need to run 2 workshops on some subjects at times to cover all interested members. Masks remain mandatory.

Ive has volunteered to run a workshop this month. It will be conducted in our rooms on Monday 23rd at 1.30pm. Phone bookings are essential.

It will cover a few subjects. A full description of the use of Skype and Facebook Messenger will be presented and an overview of the use of Zoom. Zoom cannot be fully covered in a normal workshop and anyone who is wishing to use the program will need to book for a smaller group of no more than 6 people to be able to participate in a detailed and hands on course. Please talk to Ive after the workshop if you are interested.

I made enquiries about laptops with our importer and was advised they had only 19 left in stock with no more arriving. There are just no other laptops available under about \$800 that measure up to the ones we have been purchasing so I took a gamble on behalf of our members and purchased a further 10 - we had some left from last bulk purchase. Some members have since bought some and we currently have 13 now available. Prices are still the same at \$675 and are fully setup for members at that price. Once they are gone, no more will be available at that price point. Our importer has now run out of stock.

Stay well and safe everybody. Hope to see you at club sometime soon.

Ian Stewart - President

### Selling and Buying Online

#### BEFORE BUYING ONLINE

- Ensure your computer, tablet or phone has up-to-date security and anti-virus software installed.
- Avoid using Public Wi-Fi
- Never agree to do business privately outside of the online site, for example directly by email, as this could be a scam.
- Shop around before buying to make sure you're getting a good deal. Find out everything about the item - ask questions and ask for extra pictures and descriptions.
- Only pay using a secure system - this is shown through a padlock symbol
- Never use your bank account or debit card use a secure system such as PayPal
- If you're concerned about identity theft or being bombarded by spam emails, start a dedicated shopping email account to avoid your main email account being swamped
- Sign up to sites you use regularly instead of checking out as a guest. This usually makes it easier to keep track of your order details.
- Keep all records of your purchases, you have consumer rights for all purchases in Australia -
- If there is a problem contact the buyer first, as all buyers do not like negative feedback.

#### TIPS FOR BUYING GROCERIES

- When you're shopping for groceries, save your shopping list to the site or use past orders so you know what you usually buy. This can really speed up your shopping 'trip'.
- Browsing for groceries can be very time-consuming. Use the search bar and be as precise as possible. For instance, search for "2L Lite White" instead of just "milk", or "SPC baked beans 400g" instead of "beans".

#### SELLING ON LINE - SOME EXAMPLES

- eBay
- Marketplace - Facebook
- Gumtree
- Create your own online store
- PayPal

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO SELL ON MOST MARKETPLACES

- Take a photo/s of your item, or add it from your camera roll
- Enter a product name, full description of the item, the condition of the item and price
- Confirm your location e.g. Brisbane North or Moreton Bay and select a category
- Do not list your address online
- If you have a buyer communicate through your phone or text messages
- Pick the right payment method - PayPal, Cash or Direct Debit

Mary McKernon

## THERE'S an APP for THAT



### Review of the 'Happy Cow App'

Link: [HappyCow App for Android](#)

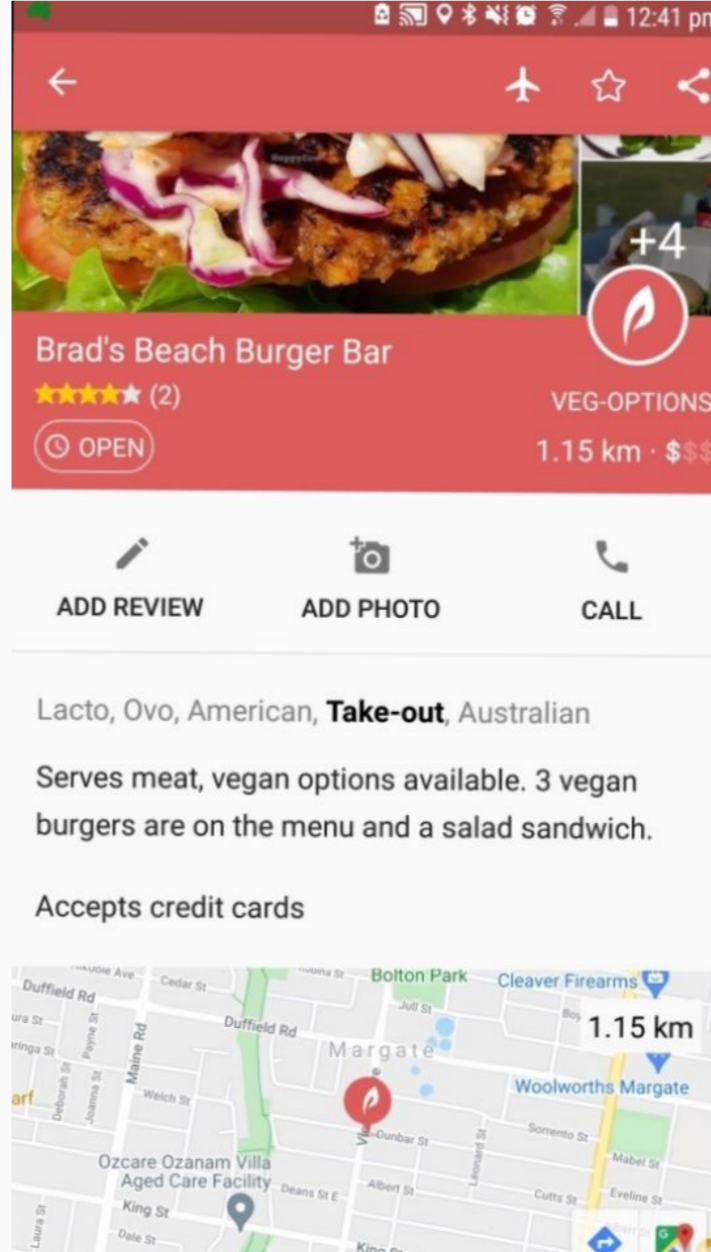
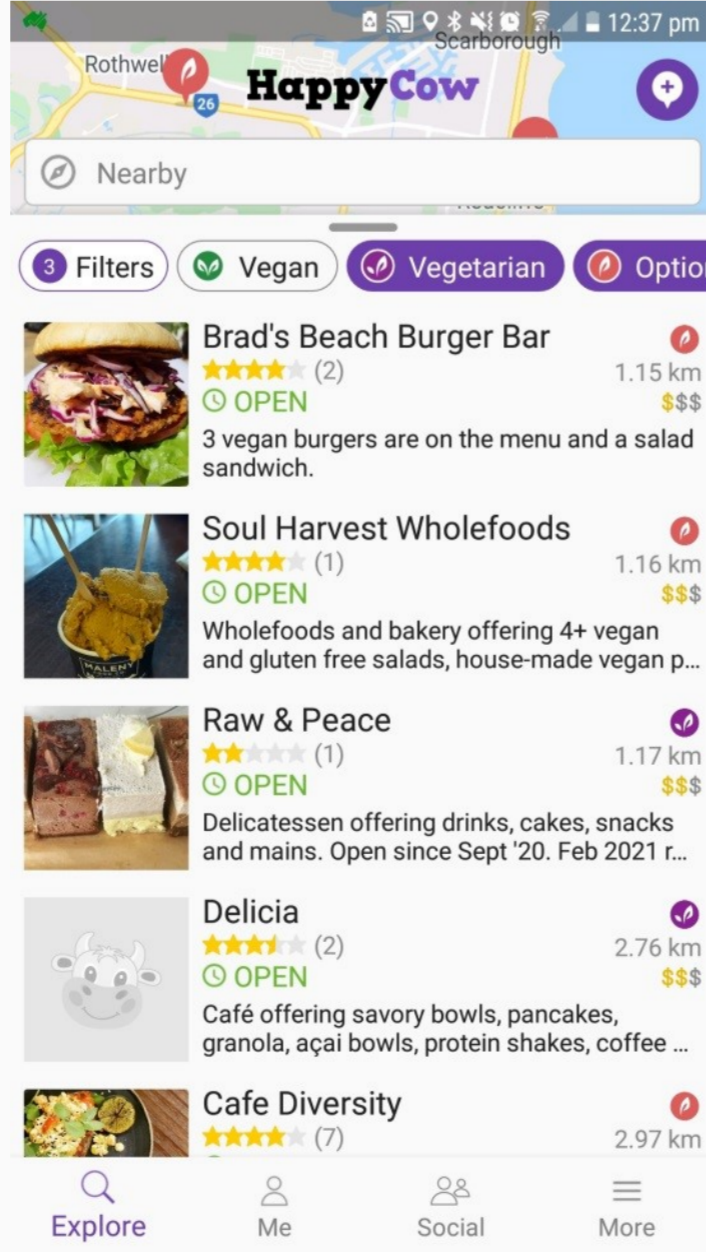
Link: [HappyCow App for iOS](#)

The HappyCow app lets you search for vegan and vegetarian restaurants (and restaurants with vegan and vegetarian options) locally and in many countries.

There are many ways to filter your search, e.g. distance from your current location, distance from a particular city or zip code, search radius, price & much more.

I searched for restaurants with vegetarian or vegan options within 8 kms of my location, and here's some of what I found:

Kathy Butler



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