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Redcliffe Computer Club

NEWSLETTER November 2020

2020 - President Report

Hello to all our Members

This has definitely been a year with a difference. I believe that the Covid virus has affected every family in some way, but there have still been some positive good times amongst all this turmoil.

During the time that the club was unable to operate we were able to move into this wonderful newly renovated area of the Council Building. This opportunity came about by a lot of hard work by our previous President Gaylene, Tutors, Committee member and the good support of Cr Houghton. The rewards from this dedicated team effort now provide better facilities for the members to attend their lessons. We would also like to thank the Council for donation of the computer desks and chairs, and the U3A for the fridge and some tables.

I would like to thank all the Tutors and Admin staff for all their time that was dedicated to assist with the moving from the old premises to our new premises. The tutors who then had to make sure that all the computers and internet were fully functional in preparation for lessons to begin - this was no small task so well done.

It has been great to see our members return once we were able to reopen and we have also had a large number of new members join the club - welcome to all. As stated last year, without your continued support we would not have a club, so thank you. The computer club will continue to offer a great service to the community and to assist us all to understand new technology.

Some of the improvements that the club has purchased recently are new computers and a smart TV. The TV will be used to assist with workshops and for those members who have their own smart TV at home where we can assist you in understanding its functions and capabilities.

remainder of this year and the following year.

On conclusion of the above I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all elected officers and committee members.

I am thankful and grateful to have had the opportunity to work at the Computer Club over the last two years. What a great team and to all I would like to wish the best for the rest of this year and next year.

Keep safe and I wish all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Kerrie Noyes

Message from the Secretary

Hi Members

It is fast approaching the end of the year and I think many people will be glad when 2020 is over. Even in this time of adversity the club has continued to grow with new members enrolling all of the time.

We held our AGM on 10th November and it was delightful to see the number of members attend. Your new committee of seven volunteers was elected with Ian Stewart being elected as President. Past members of the committee were thanked and the new committee welcomed.

Our past President Kerrie Noyes from the previous two years has resigned from the club so you will no longer see her friendly face. We wish to thank her very much for her services during the past two years and particularly for taking on the role of President. We wish you all the best Kerrie.

Our guest speaker at the AGM was Ray Krebs the Community Ambassador for NBN. Ray spoke about

- Useful Internet enabled devices to use throughout your home
- Update on the latest scams & staying safe online
- Tips to optimise your Home Internet Set Up.

The presentation was well received with Ray injecting his humour into the presentation. It is hard to believe but he said that in the not too distant future homes will be connected to the internet with 30 devices.

Our last day of teaching this year will be Friday **18th December and we will reopen on Wednesday 27th January.** Annual Fees have been reduced to \$10 next

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Take Care
Mary
Secretary

Linux Operating System

We now have a dedicated LINUX workstation and tutor for those interested in learning more about the LINUX operating system.

Peter Emmerson

Apple Talk - New iPads for 2020

Apple has released a new range of iPad and iPad Air models for 2020, including new colours, storage capacity, screen size and price. The range is comprehensive so I will talk about the Air model only.

The new design has flat edges instead of the curved edges we have now. It has a bigger, better quality screen, 10.9in as opposed to 9.8in with the current iPad. The display is really good, colourful crisp and bright. It has a USB-C port for charging and connecting accessories such as card readers, and decent front and rear cameras. Colours available are Sky Blue, Green, Rose Gold, and the normal Silver and Space Grey. These iPads also support the new Apple Magic Keyboard and Apple Pencil.

The power button doubles as a fingerprint scanner. Still no face ID though. Storage sizes are now 64 or 256GB. 64GB as the standard size is double the storage of the current iPad. Earlier iPads had a standard capacity of 16GB.

Prices are – 64GB \$899.00 : 256GB \$1,129.00.

These prices are for Wi-Fi models only, Wi-Fi + Cellular models are at extra cost. Wi-Fi is the one most of us have, Wi-Fi + Cellular models have provision for a SIM card. For any more information please make an appointment to see one of our Tutors.

Alan Stickley

Google Photos Free Storage

Hot off the press - Google Photos ending unlimited free storage.

which should keep you going for about three years according to Google.

So, think in the future before you take that photo of where you left your car, or a grocery item on the shelf, you may have to spend the time going through your photos and deleting some.

Kathy Butler

ACCC Target Scams 2019

This 68 page report provides key findings into 2019 scams, as well as insights into scam trends over the decade.

It also includes commentary on the psychological tactics that scammers use to manipulate victims and the lessons learned from people who reported a scam but did not lose money or personal information.

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