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## NEWSLETTER December 2021

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### Report from your President

Hello everyone from the president's desk. It's been a busy four weeks with interviewing new tutors and moving forward with the changes that the executive committee have put forward. Exciting times for the club and our planning for the whole of the new year is coming together nicely.

I mentioned at the AGM about a **survey we would like to conduct**. Unfortunately we are unable to attach this to our current website, so it will be available on line at <https://ezytalk.net.au/rcc-survey/> or [CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#). We really encourage you to participate. You can also fill this out online at the club's computers.

I would also like to thank our hard working admin and tutors who are coming along on the ride to make Redcliffe Computer Club even better. Change is never easy but I am sure that each and every one of you will see the benefits in the first half of the new year.

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**The Christmas party on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm** and bookings have now closed so I look forward to seeing you at Sunny's Restaurant, Margate.

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### Closing and Opening Days

- Last Day is Thursday 16th December
- First Day back is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

You are very welcome to start booking for your lessons now. As we bring on new tutors, we will be increasing our member numbers and promote the club in many ways including press releases, visits to Retirement Villages and the opportunity for you to help us by introducing a friend to the club... more on that early next year.

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As this is the last newsletter for the year, the committee, admin and all volunteers would like to extend to you a happy and safe festive season. Let us hope that the hard times of the past 18 months fade away into history and may 2022 be blessed with hope and new beginnings.

Take care and we look forward to helping you in the new year.

Alan Reeves – President  
Peter Emmerson – Vice President  
Judith Murphy – Secretary  
Lesley Eliason – Assistant Secretary  
Wayne Parker – Treasurer  
Janet Wells – Assistant Treasurer  
Narelle Rodway – Committee Member

## **Conservation Volunteers Australia - Clean Up at Queens Beach**

We are running a special end-of-year Christmas Beach Clean-Up at Queens Beach, Scarborough on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 09:45 – 13:00PM which I believe could be a fantastic opportunity for your members to get outdoors and connect with nature!

All equipment including litter pickers, hessian bags and high-vis vests are supplied on the day as well as sunscreen, insect repellent and hand sanitiser. All you'll need to do is wear enclosed shoes, a long-sleeve shirt, long pants, hat, gloves and bring your water bottles.

There will be light refreshments after the clean-up to celebrate all the wonderful help our volunteers have given us this year in keeping our waterways and coastlines clean! [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

We will also be introducing new conservation activities in your area in the new year, so keep an eye out on our website [here](#).

You can register for this event via our Volunteer Portal [here](#). Otherwise, contact me directly via this [email](#) or call me on my mobile at 0427 510 528.

### **Ellen Porter**

Project Officer, Revive | Conservation Volunteers Australia

## **Help over Christmas**

If anybody needs any help with their computer or any technology items over the Christmas break our mobile phone will be manned and I will be doing home visits for those who need help, please feel free to ring it on 0434 504 858

## **Looking Back and Forward**

I usually do a little write up on an app to use on your mobile phone but it's nearly Christmas and we are probably all fed up with new apps at the moment.

It has been an extremely tough couple of years for everybody but I feel the challenges faced in the pandemic have been different for seniors, one of them being the learning of new technology.

Some members have had to learn to use their mobile phone in a completely different way, going from only making emergency calls to having to use their phone connected to the Internet, adding data packages, and installing and learning how to use new apps such as Check in QLD and Medicare Express. (More is coming too).

As a technology club I feel there is not one person who tutors or comes for a lesson as a member who is not either embracing change or being dragged into the changes that we are going through at the moment. I am so proud of all the members that I teach or help for being prepared to learn new things and accept the changes we face.

I believe the addition of three new Office bearers, with fresh ideas, will help move the club forward, which is just what we need now in our new premises. We have some amazing people who have dedicated so much time to this club to build it up to where it is today. I myself will never forget them; Pete Woodward, who founded this club, being the most important of all.

Both Ian and Mary also dedicated many years to the club and put in an enormous amount of time and hard work and will be missed and remembered by many for a long time.

Gaylene, who was President when I was secretary, campaigned doggedly to the council to procure our new premises and ensure the Application we put together was successful, hard work, but so worthwhile.

I hope you all have a very safe and happy Christmas and I am looking forward so much to seeing you in the New Year.

Kathy

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