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NEWSLETTER October 2021

Report from your President

Howdy everybody. Well another year is fast coming towards its end. Don't the years just fly by as we get older....

Our AGM is due in November. Subject to the vagaries of Covid and our Gov't, we are planning to have this meeting at our club premises at 1.30pm on Tuesday 9th November. Please reserve some time to attend. I'm not at all confident that we won't be in lockdown again by then but we will have to play it as it comes and reschedule as necessary.

Our very popular tutor and secretary has decided to call it a day from the date of our AGM. Mary will be very sadly missed and will be very hard to replace. She and I joined the club many years ago within a day of each other.....

As a result of the above, we are going to need a new secretary. I would be very grateful if someone from our membership ranks were to step up and take on the job. It is not too onerous but has a bit of a learning curve for those who have never been in such a position. Please give it some thought as we cannot continue without a secretary. Our other positions remain filled unless someone offers to take on any of our other committee positions. Voting is available on the day.

Our membership continues to grow. 320 as of now and still climbing. Considering 270 was our previous record, it goes to show we are still of value to our community and our new position at the old MBRC chambers has made many more aware of our presence.

All our tutors are back teaching other than Peter Emmerson and Pete Woodward. Peter E will hopefully be back in November. Pete Woody is having to care for his wife constantly and, of course, Pete himself is around 90 years old now so maybe needs a rest.

Our bulk buy of laptops has gone well. Of the 20 we bought, 14 of them have already found homes with our members. Worries me what we will do when they run out as anything else available of a similar size and specs will be somewhere around \$900. A far cry from the \$675 we have been able to get these for. Hopefully something suitable will appear.

Our tutors are getting busier again. Need to book ahead now for most appointments. I think it would be a good idea for everyone to get the app on their phones indicating the status of their Covid vaccinations. With the imminent opening up of state and country borders, it won't be long before it will be mandatory for entry into many establishments and venues. Due to the age group of most of our members, we must also seriously consider only allowing vaccinated members to attend our premises. It would be irresponsible of us not to. This will be discussed in the near future, perhaps at the AGM.

Des Jackson has offered to do a workshop on setting up My Gov accounts along with vaccination proof app on smart phones. I would like to hear from you all if you would like such a workshop. Could you make your thoughts available by email to office@rsc.com.au. We will organise such an event if sufficient people are interested.

Next workshop later this month will be conducted by the lovely Natasha. It will be on Google Apps. There are many such apps. Gmail, Maps, Earth, Docs, Calendar, News etc, just to name a few. She will concentrate on the more popular ones.

All for now. Stay well

Ian Stewart - President.

Google Apps Workshop

This workshop will be held on Thursday the 21st of October at 1:30pm and will be an introduction to the apps on Google's browser/search engine.

We will go over how to use:

- **Google Maps** including Google Earth, Street View, directions, finding locations or places
- **Calendar** – how to put in events or respond to invitations
- **Google Photos** and **Google Images** – how to find images and download them
- **Google News** – how to view it
- **Contacts** – how to add or remove
- **Google Translate** – translating words from English to another language or vice versa
- **Google docs** – Sharing documents with others

If you can, please bring a device to use during the session whether it's your laptop, phone or tablet/ipad. Whilst it's not essential, if you're a hands-on learner it will be more interactive.

If you already have questions about any of these topics, bring your questions along too.

There are limited numbers for this workshop, so if you're interested please book in soon! Booking can be done by calling us on (07) 3203 5593, or emailing us at office@rsc.com.au

Natasha

THERE'S an APP for THAT

Apps that can tell you the name of songs you hear.

An oldie but a Goodie (just like us), [Shazam](#) was one of the first phone apps that could recognize music and other media around you by "listening" and then displaying the song on your screen. Even after all this time, it's still one of the best around.

If you can't remember the name of a song open the App, tap the circle in the middle and Shazam will listen then display the name of the song, artist, and it can even display the lyrics. It is very easy to use.

By long pressing the circle, the app will continue listening and log what it hears so you can come back to it later. This is a great feature if you're listening to a good segment of music on the radio, for example, because you'll know that every song has been catalogued so you can view and buy them at a later time.

The only thing Shazam doesn't do as well as competitors like SoundHound is identify songs that you hum or sing. While it's not a huge problem, it's one of the few areas in which Shazam is not as good as other apps in the genre.

It is available in the Google Play store for Android phones, and the App store for iPhones.

Kathy

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