Redcliffe Seniors Computer Club

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A Message from the President

A winter welcome to everyone, and I hope you are managing to stay warm now that the cooler weather has arrived. If we can keep the wind away, and find a warm sunny spot, life can be just wonderfully perfect.

Who can believe that we are almost half way through the year, and there is still so much to learn and do, we can keep our lives so busy.

For those who come in on a Wednesday for lessons or ring to book lessons, you would be aware that I have not been here and Janet has been taking care of you. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Janet for covering for me whilst I was away and also her tireless work to send out these Newsletters each month.

I would also like to personally thank all the Computer Club members, tutors and admin staff that were able to assist at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. This is a major fund raiser for the club and the day was a great success - thank you.

I look forward to seeing everyone and it is great to see our membership still growing.

As always, keep learning, take care and stay warm and safe

Kerrie Noyes

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle a Success

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped out on the day:

- Narelle Rodway
- Cam Earl
- Elsa Thorne
- Tars & Wilma Lim
- Wayne Parker
- Gordon Wibberley
- Fay Wells
- Jorge Fernander
- Mary McKernon
- June Donnelly
- Elk Offerman
- Bernie & Marie Peel
- Pete Woodward
- Kathy Butler
- Des Porteous
- Morrie Evans
- Alan Stickley
- Des Jackson
- Darryl Lourigan
- Des Thomson

It was great to see so many willing to assist us raise money for the club and make it such a successful day (we made a profit of $1,101.85). It was a fun day, thank you.

Images in Newletters

A lot of our emails we send to our members have images, (including the newsletter). Unfortunately many email clients block these images and you may need to either manually click on the "display images' or change something in your email settings.

If you are not seeing the images in our emails please talk to your Tutor so they can show you how to view them.

Kathy Butler

Apple Stuff - iCloud

Find your iPad or iPhone

Find My iPhone can help you locate your iPad if it goes missing. To make sure it's on, tap Settings > *your name* > iCloud, then scroll to Find my iPad.

All your photos on every device

Take or edit a photo and see it update automatically on all your Apple devices (including your Mac computer). Go to Settings > *your name* > iCloud > Photos, then turn iCloud Photos on.

Have a backup plan

You'll be glad you have a backup if you replace your iPad! Turn on iCloud Backup in Settings > *your name* > iCloud > iCloud Backup.

(Courtesy Apple Tips)

Alan Stickley

Malware Alert: Delete These Android Apps

A stack of dodgy apps have been identified in the Google Play Store. The apps, discovered by Sophos, have since been taken down but were downloaded by *millions of users* before Google took action. Here's the list.

These apps all look legit on the surface but they'll suck the juice out of your phone's battery and load invisible ads. Not only do you need to rush to the charger more often but advertisers are being duped into thinking people are clicking on their ads.

Some are exceedingly popular and started out as genuine apps but were 'Trojanised' by a third party. For example, a flashlight app dubbed Sparkle FlashLight was downloaded over a million times alone. Here are the names to check against your installed apps list.

Remove these apps now:

- AK Blackjack
- Animal Match
- Box Stack
- Cliff Diver
- Color Tiles
- HexaBlocks

- HexaFall
- Jelly Slice
- Join Up
- Just Flashlight
- Magnifeye
- Math Solver
- Neon Pong
- PairZap
- Roulette Mania
- Snake Attack
- Space Rocket
- Sparkle FlashLight
- Table Soccer
- Tak A Trip
- Zombie Killer

The developers were clever. When the apps ran, they opened a hidden browser window that loaded the ads and then interacted with them, making advertisers think they were reaching potential customers.

The users of the apps were none the wiser as all the interactions were hidden from sight. Unless you were tracking memory, processor and power use closely, there was no way to see what was going on.

There are lots of lessons to take away from this. It's tempting to install apps that augment the functions of existing apps. For example, there's the flashlight app and I've seen some nasty malware hidden in an 'enhanced' camera app that could capture video and audio without your knowledge and transmit it to an FTP server without you ever knowing unless you checked your data usage closely.

The default apps that ship with Android are pretty good and there's not a lot of need to get augmented versions.

When you install a new app, pay close attention to whether your device runs a little hotter or if battery life takes a hit. If that happens, ditch the app.

It's also worth setting aside a few minutes each week or so to look at the apps you have installed on your devices and remove any you're not using. You can find out more about the latest offenders over on Sophos' blog.

Sourced from: https://www.lifehacker.com.au/2019/06/dodgy-android-apps-fools-users-and-advertisers/

Scam Savy

Phishing – check their details before they get yours

Phishing scammers may contact you by phone, email, text message or social media. They pretend to be a business that you have an account with - such as your bank, phone company or internet provider - and ask you to provide or confirm your personal details.

If you give the scammer your details, they can use them to steal your identity and your money.

To protect yourself:

- don't provide any information
- contact the business independently to check whether the call or message is genuine.

Sourced from: https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/ScamSavvy