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## Editorial

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### Social Events



### Lunches

#### 15<sup>th</sup> May

Club Parkview – lunches \$15

#### 19<sup>th</sup> June

The Q at Purga – lunches from \$19

### Coffee & Chat

#### 5<sup>th</sup> June

Hearing Health by Craig Daniels from Audika

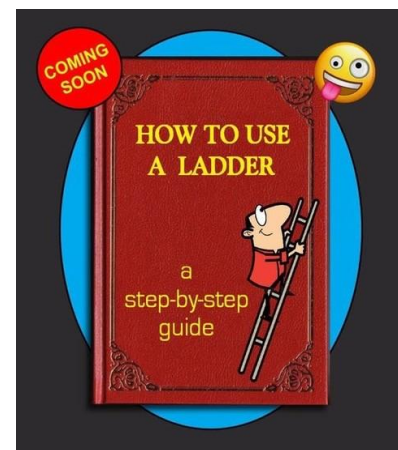
I have to apologise for missing the April newsletter. I took time out during Easter and never caught up with this task. As you know, I normally publish a newsletter in the middle of each month which includes the programme for the following month; thus the information on our upcoming workshops is not missed if the newspaper is not released for that month.

Ken Curwen

The President has requested that this space be filled with cartoons; here goes:



Out bird watching today and got this great shot of a falcon resting in a tree. I love nature.



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Lunch at Eden Brewhouse, Redbank Plains. Pub specials \$15.

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Lunch at Punjab Curry House, Redbank Plains. Specials \$14

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Lunch at Brothers Leagues Club. Seniors meals \$13.

### Just Friends Social Group

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Coach trip to cruise Pumicestone Passage.**

After the cruise, buy lunch at the Power Boat Club (meals from \$18). Cost inclusive of cruise \$70. Pickup Redbank Plaza 8.00am

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Coach trip to Fassifern Valley**  
Guided tour of Summerland Camels; and visit the Scenic Rim Farm Shop and the Kooroomba Lavendar Farm and Vineyard. Buy lunch at the Dugandan Hotel (seniors' meals \$15). Cost of the trip including tour \$65. Pickup Redbank Plaza 8.30am

## SeniorNet Workshop Programme: May – June 2026

Congregational Church Sunday School Hall at 117 Wildey Street, Raceview

Workshop Times 9-11am; however the hall is booked for the whole morning and this allows continued use of the facility if subject matter or participant interest requires it

Summaries of the workshop topics start on the next page

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <sup>st</sup> May Energy for Seniors <i>Robyn</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> May iPad Link to PC <i>Joan McKenzie</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> May Introduction to Computers <i>John McVeigh</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> May Family Tree Maker <i>Bette Fritz</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> May Paint.net 1 <i>Ken Curwen</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> May Introduction to Computers <i>John McVeigh</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> May Social Lunch <i>Club Parkview</i>
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10 <sup>th</sup> June Paint.net 3 <i>Ken Curwen</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> June Introduction to Computing <i>John McVeigh</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> June Trove <i>Bette Fritz</i>
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NOTE: All Workshops are subject to change if Trainers are unavailable due to illness or other commitments. If possible changes will be listed on the SeniorNet Website or you can contact John McVeigh—Training Coordinator – ph 07 3281 8548 – email [training@seniornet.com.au](mailto:training@seniornet.com.au) to confirm workshops are as listed. It is not necessary to make bookings for Workshops.

Please bring your USB drive with you as it is helpful in many lessons.

\* For courses and workshops involving mobile devices (iPads and Androids) please make sure your device is charged and that you have your cable with you

## Workshop Topics Described

### Family Tree Maker: Recording Your Ancestors

This is a powerful and user-friendly computer software program designed to help you create, manage, and share your family's history. It offers a wide range of tools to build detailed family trees, attach photographs and documents, print reports or charts, and uncover rich genealogical information. You also have the option to sync with Ancestry if you wish, (using your preferred privacy level), and work on it there as well. We can show you how to get the best out of this very versatile program.

### Introduction to Computers

If you are new to using a computer or are not confident around computers, come and find out about the basics. These classes are user-driven; the content will depend on the requirements of those attending.

### iPad and iCloud

If your iCloud contains too many photos, you can transfer some to your PC. I will demonstrate this procedure. To try it out in class, you need your iPad and a laptop. You need the iCloud app on your laptop. It is available for free in the Microsoft Store

### iPad Link to PC

You can transfer photos etc from your iPad to your PC to free up space on the iPad. I will demonstrate the procedure. To try it out in class, you need an iPad, a laptop, and a cable that will connect the charging port on the iPad to a usb port on the laptop. Your charging cable may be suitable, if the usb connector is the correct size for your laptop. You also need the Apple Devices app on your laptop. It is available for free in the Microsoft Store

### iPad/ iPhone Skills

Sometimes using your device can be tricky. In this lesson we will practice iPad/iPhone skills.

### iPad/iPhone Tips and Tricks

I find my Apple device useful in many ways. In this lesson we will try some of these applications.

### Paint.1

This series uses the free program Paint.net for editing your images. This step introduces you to the interface and editing process in Paint.net

### Paint.2

This series uses the free program Paint.net for editing your images. This step uses Paint.net to make a range of simple corrections to photos.

### Paint.3

This series uses the free program Paint.net for editing your images. This Step will discover how to use Selection to enable editing of specific portions of an image.

### Paint.4

This series uses the free program Paint.net for editing your images. This Step introduces the concept of layered images, allowing one selected element to be changed without affecting the underlying elements.

### TROVE: Searching Old Newspapers

Thanks to the National Library of Australia digitising a vast number of newspapers, gazettes, magazines, maps and more, we are able to access these for free online, much to the envy of the rest of the world as in most countries they have to pay for such a wonderful resource. We can show you how to get the best results when searching these old newspapers, up until approximately 1954, and what you can do with that information once you have found it.

## Recipe of the Month

### BAKED BEANS

Once you have tasted REAL baked beans you will never buy them in a tin again

350g (1½ cups) dried cannellini, haricot, navy beans or great northern beans.  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 onion, diced  
 2 cloves garlic, chopped  
 1 Kassler\* chop (200g net), cut into 1 cm wide strips (or middle bacon cut 10mm thick)  
 1 red pepper, seeded and cut into 2 cm squares  
 2 x 400 g can diced tomatoes in juice  
 125g pitted chopped black olives  
 1 bay leaf  
 1 sprig thyme  
 1 teaspoon paprika  
 ½ teaspoon crushed coriander seeds  
 ½ cup fresh basil (or 1 tsp frozen)  
 salt  
 freshly ground black pepper

The beans given are interchangeable. You can also use berlotti or red kidney beans, but the taste will be different, and you only need 1 cup of beans as they swell more.

Soak beans overnight, rinse. In emergency, cover with boiling water and leave three hours. This step hydrates the beans and reduces the tendency to break up. Remove discoloured or floating beans.

Preheat oven to 160°C. Rinse soaked beans, then put into a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, then strain and rinse with cold water. Heat oil in a large oven proof casserole and saute onion and bacon. After 4 minutes, when onion has softened and bacon is sizzling add garlic and saute for one minute more before adding red peppers. Add tomatoes to casserole with beans and remaining ingredients. Mix well. Add sufficient cold water to cover beans by 7 cm (about 3 tins full). Transfer casserole, tightly sealed, to oven and bake for at least 4 hours. Stir well after 2 hours, checking that it is still reasonably sloppy (if it is too dry, add a little water and reduce oven temperature). After 4 hours salt and add plenty of freshly ground black pepper. The beans should now be in a rich sauce. If too thick, add a little extra water; if too runny and the beans are tender, increase oven temperature and continue to cook.

The result will be about 1.8kg (7 cups) of baked beans. They may be bottled in sterilized airtight jars or they may be frozen. Using standard plastic jars (without lids) you get 10 at 175gm approx.

\* Kassler is a German salted (cured) and slightly smoked cut of pork similar to British gammon. Otherwise use triple smoked ham.

\*\* To bottle spoon into warmed jars. Loosely put on lids and place in oven at about 90C for half an hour to sterilise, then tighten lids to seal.

## Potty Science

### Eight Days a Week

I am a fan of the “1% club” series of shows – they are styled as an IQ test and the questions are not based on general knowledge, like many shows, but on "logic and common sense". You can watch them on 7+ if you think you too might like them.

A recent question was “The Beatles wrote a song ‘Eight Days a Week’ – but how many days would there be in a year if there were eight days each week?”

My immediate response “365” as the number of days is fixed by the Earth’s orbit and rotation rate; but the multiple-choice answer gave 317, 417 or 517; and thus  $417 = 365 + 52$  (one extra day weekly) was the required choice. For the science buffs, to get 417 days per year you would need to shift Earth into a higher orbit (from 150 million km to 165 million) which would reduce solar radiation by 17% (not a good plan) or just speed up the Earth’s rotation to give a day length of 21 hours. Neither option is within our current capability!

But then I thought “What if you redefined the week to eight days with three being the weekend” – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Georgetday, Johnday and Paulday. We would then reduce the number of weeks in the year to 45 (making 360 days with five hangover days, rather than one as is current). The 30/31 day months would now be less than four weeks, which would make calendars five rows rather than six (February is already five rows). But the great advantage of my system is that we get three day weekends without reducing the working week of five days. Win-win. Especially as jobs get outsourced to AI.

Ken Curwen

## Tech Talk

### Changes to Start Menu

Microsoft has been making some changes to the functionality of the Start menu (the pop-up when you click the Windows button). The updates were announced last year but due to Microsoft’s rollout schedule many machines would not have received the update until February 2026. My last machine to receive the update did not get it until early March. By now, hopefully, everyone should have received the update.

When you click on Start you will see the pinned apps and recommendations section (if you still have that turned on) and there is now an All section which shows all the applications on your computer. Microsoft has chosen to make the default view Category which I don’t find particularly useful. The categories and which program goes into which are decided by Microsoft and cannot be altered.

I find changing the view to Grid or List more useful. Both are much the same but Grid arranges icons horizontally so saves some scrolling. When looking for a program, we would normally know the name so an alphabetical list makes more sense to me.

To make Start cleaner I also change some other settings. Go to **Settings**→**Personalisation**→**Start**. I turn off everything under **Recommended**. I also turn off *Show account-related notifications*. Click on **Folders**. Turn on *Settings* and *Personal folder*. Now when you go back to Start, you should see two more icons beside the power button. One will take you straight to Settings and the other to your personal folder (your documents, pictures, etc).

There should be nothing between the pinned apps and the list of all applications on your computer. You can always reverse this in Settings if you want to put things back the way they were.

Many of the pinned apps may have been put there by Microsoft or the manufacturer when you first got your computer. If you never use them and prefer to make more room for the complete program list, right-click on an icon and select **Unpin from Start**. This will not uninstall the app in case you ever decide to use it in the future.

Phil Buchanan

### Microsoft Word goes Weird

In the last Newsletter, as in all my newsletters, there is a table of contents (top left on the first page). In the table of contents the last entry is “Further Information”; and Word decided that ‘Further’ was misspelled. Looking further, I discovered Word reckoned it was proofreading that entry in French! (this language error had also happened earlier in the Humour section). I changed the proofing language back to English.

I then asked Copilot AI what could be happening – and it turns out Word is trying to be helpful. If it sees a really short sentence it parses it and realises, in this case, that ‘Information’ is a homograph with the same French word. It then flips a coin and decides the entry must be in French, and flags ‘Further’ as an error! Copilot told me to turn off automatic language recognition (which HAD been off anyway but somehow flipped – Copilot says ‘that happens sometimes’).

Ken Curwen

## Potty History

### Nursery Rhymes – from Stuart times

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall / Humpty Dumpty had a great fall / All the Kings horses and all the King's men / Couldn't put Humpty together again*

Although many of us imagine Humpty Dumpty as a smiley, egg-like character, some have argued that it represented a massive cannon that was used from the church of St Mary-at-the-Walls in Colchester by the Royalist defenders in the siege of 1648.

The story goes that a shot from a Parliamentary cannon succeeded in damaging the wall beneath 'Humpty Dumpty', causing it to tumble to the ground. And despite the Royalists ('all the King's men') attempting to raise the cannon it was so heavy that they 'couldn't put Humpty together again.'

*Goosey Goosey Gander / Whither shall I wander / Upstairs and downstairs / And in my lady's chamber / There I met an old man / Who wouldn't say his prayers / So I took him by his left leg / And threw him down the stairs*

How could anything with the word 'goosey' in it be sinister? Well, one version of the popular rhyme 'Goosey Goosey Gander' had some very disturbing lines in it. This reflects a time when Catholicism was outlawed under Protestant rule and Catholic priests had to say their forbidden Latin prayers in secret.

The old man refusing to say his prayers is likely such a Catholic priest. Hiding priests in secret chambers was common, and the 'lady's chamber' might be a reference to one such hiding place. So, while it may sound like nonsense, it recalls a turbulent part of English history—complete with secret staircases and a not-so-friendly goose.

*Rock-a-bye, baby, in the treetop / When the wind blows, the cradle will rock / When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall / And down will come baby, cradle and all*

Even at face value, this rhyme about a plummeting baby hardly comes across as upbeat. But some say it is really about King James II of England (1633-1701) who, in a bid to produce a Catholic heir and resist the 'wind' blowing from Protestantism, supposedly smuggled another man's child into the birthing chamber. If he did, the plan didn't work; James, like the cradle, fell within six months to the Glorious Revolution of William and Mary.

*There was an old woman who lived in a shoe / She had so many children, she didn't know what to do / She gave them some broth without any bread / Then whipped them all soundly and put them to bed.*

The old woman is said to refer to the English Parliament and the shoe itself is England. If you look at a map of Britain with Wales and turn it 90 degrees clockwise it resembles a shoe (!). By the mid-1700s England is considered an "old woman" by its colonies, particularly the American colonies, set in her ways and intractable. Her many children are said to represent the English colonies; young, growing and inquisitive. "Some broth without any bread" and then a whipping refers to the piecemeal and violent way the English Parliament dealt with colonials and their problems. The dismissal, and subsequent harsh treatment, of the very real problems faced by the American colonists soon led to the American Revolutionary War.

*Georgie Porgie pudding and pie / Kissed the girls and made them cry / When the boys came out to play / Georgie Porgie ran away.*

This refers to the Prince Regent and subsequently George IV (1820-1830). In later life, George was not just fat he was grossly obese. Although he was described as the "First Gentleman of England" and credited with championing the Regency style of clothing and manners, Georgie Porgie highlights his worst traits.

He spent whole days in bed, and his extreme weight made him the target of ridicule - hence the reference to "pudding and pie". By 1797 he weighed in at 111kg and by 1824 the waist of his corset was 127cm.

George had a notorious roving eye. His checkered love life included several mistresses, illegitimate children and bigamy. He was also considered a coward by those who knew him well, thus "When the boys came out to play, Georgie Porgie ran away". The Times once wrote that George preferred "a girl and a bottle to politics and a sermon."

Ken Cuwen (with some help from Claude AI)

## Humour

“Why isn’t John at work today”  
“He’s in hospital”  
“But I saw him dancing with some chick last night”  
“His wife saw him too!”

A girl asks her friend “How was your blind date”  
“Terrible – he showed up in his 1936 Rolls Royce”  
“Wow, that’s impressive, what was wrong”  
“He was the original owner”

Wife “There is a problem with the tractor – it has water in the carburettor”  
Husband “Water in the carburettor! That’s ridiculous”  
Wife “I’m telling you the tractor has water in the carburettor”  
Husband “You don’t even know where the carburettor is. Where’s the tractor”  
Wife “In the swimming pool”

A three-year-old boy was examining his testicles while in the bath  
“Mum” he says “are these my brains”  
“Not yet” came the answer.

A man come home to find his wife in bed with his friend.  
He shoots him dead.  
Wife says “If you continue to behave like this you will lose ALL your friends”

Wife “Have you noticed the new couple across the street; he gives her a big kiss every morning when he leaves for work”  
She continues “Why don’t you ever do that”  
Husband “Well, for one thing I don’t go to work and for another I don’t even know the woman”

The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it’s difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine. –  
Abraham Lincoln

Everybody told Sam not to sing...but Samsung anyway

Why must I have to prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my bills? And if they do, why don’t you let them!

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