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Monday June 8th Public Holiday

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – May 2026

We made it through the school holidays and navigated our way through to start our classes as planned. National Volunteers Week is 18 May to 24 May.

Give a big shout-out to all our wonderful volunteers. I will be presenting them all with Certificates of Appreciation. Remember to say thank you to them when you see them next week.

We are always looking for new volunteers, and if you have some spare time and would like to learn how you can help others (and yourself), talk to any of the volunteers you see, and come and see me. We are a happy 'family', and you would be most welcome to join us.

Our Social Organiser, Brenton Elsey, arranged a social day out for us locally with Barefoot Bowls at Club Lambton last Friday, 8 May. This was well received by the participants. I don't think we offer much challenge to regular bowlers; however, we had fun and also enjoyed lunch at the bistro.

Coming up.... Our next free Morning Tea - Monday, 25 May at Club Lambton. If you haven't already, fill in the attendance form (needed for catering and insurance purposes). Kathy Lewis - from NovaCare will be talking to us about changes (since 1/11/25) to My Aged Care. Kathy has spoken to our club numerous times and always given great advice.

The cut-off date was 18 May. No late entries can be accepted.

If you haven't realised it yet, we are a fun, safe place to share knowledge and learn about the technology that is a bane to our lives, but we have to learn about it to remain relevant in our society.

We can do it together. Come and enjoy yourself while you learn.

Barry Keen
President



Social News





Join us for
MORNING TEA

Monday 25th May
10:00am at Club Lambton -
51 Karoola Road, Lambton

Come along to hear our Guest Speaker
Kathy Lewis (NovaCare)
talk about
Changes to My Aged Care
which took effect November 2025

Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee will be provided

RSVP by 18th May

For catering purposes

See details below for booking in



Volunteer Week

May is celebrated as Global Volunteer Month and it's important that we acknowledge the work that is sometimes taken for granted. All our volunteers are deeply appreciated and were given certificates during volunteer week.

ComputerPals Newcastle was featured in the ASCCA newsletter this month for Volunteers week. Go To [ASCCA/news](https://www.ascca.com.au/news) to read all about us.



Best Wishes

For all our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries - hearty congratulations



Condolences

To those who are ill we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



To those of our members who have lost loved ones recently, please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts

ASCCA Competition Results – May 2026

The photography competition theme for April was ‘Dancing in the Streets’. Go to [ASCCA/news](https://www.ascca.org.au/news) for the winning entries. Harold Franks from Newcastle came first.

May Photography Competition

The theme for the May photography competition, in keeping with our volunteering theme, is ‘Hands at Work’. The entry deadline is 25th May.

March/April/May Creative Writing Competition

The theme for the March/April/May creative writing competition is ‘Heirlooms’, and the entry deadline is also 25th May.



Funnies!

An older gentleman from Newcastle was having trouble logging into his computer. He called his grandson for help, and his grandson suggested changing his password to something secure and personal.

The next day, the grandfather called back, furious: "I changed my password to 'Incorrect' just like you said. Now every time I try to log in, it says 'Your password is incorrect!'"

As a retiree, I’m often asked what I do to fill my days. Well, for example, the other day my wife and I went into town for a little shopping. After visiting one store for about five minutes, we emerged to find a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went right up to him and said, “Come on, how about giving a senior citizen a break?”

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a disgrace. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

My wife called him worthless, so he finished the second ticket, put it on the windshield and started writing a third. This went on for another 20 minutes or so. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, we didn’t care. We came into town by bus.

(Seen on the internet)

Member Information cont

Payment Details:

Our bank account details are :

Account Name Computerpals

BSB 650 000 (Newcastle Permanent Building Society)

Account 962205402

in the reference section put your SURNAME and INITIAL, plus M (for membership payment), #...
(for Assistance class)

Remember: please book in for the classes you want to attend.

Note: BeConnected classes are free, but afternoon Assistance classes on Mondays are not (cost \$5 per 1½ hours) and are available only to ComputerPals financial members. Don't just drop in—we are restricted to the booked in numbers we can help.

How do I book in: Phone: 0478 219 220 leave your name & phone number and the reason for your call– someone will get back to you.

See club website for more information

Volunteers needed

We have the continuing need to source new members and mentors. Word of Mouth continues to be the strongest and most effective.

Two opportunities to promote ourselves were

- A stallholder table at Shortland Seniors Expo at Club Macquarie on Thursday 30/4- We have attended these for many years with reasonable results and good PR.
- A stallholder table at Newcastle Community Aged Care Expo at Wallsend Diggers on Wednesday 13/5

NEED COMPUTER HELP AT HOME?

Members often need tech help at home to set up their computer, maybe link it to a printer, or maybe it's the internet connection, or help setting up a smart TV.

Mark Bowe and his team have been helping our club for some time now, and they can also help you

It is Mark's business, so there are costs involved. I suggest you get a quote for the work you want done before you engage them. There is no commercial arrangement with our club

[Computer Repairs, Services and Sales in Newcastle, NSW](#)

Contact Us

To contact the Roster Team or the Treasurer regarding class rosters or payments use:

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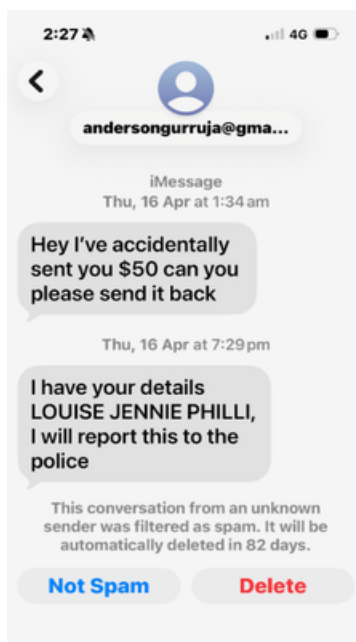
Scam Watch

You know how we are always talking about scams and they happen to someone else, so you don't really take it in. This changed for me when a friend described a scam that happened to her and it was one that we have heard of in ComputerPals.

She casually mentioned that she had a text message from an email address that said she had accidentally been sent \$50 and could she please send it back. She reported the message as spam and deleted it.

A week later, she noticed a payment in her account of \$50. She was musing to me about what she should do about it. Options she considered was to message the person about it, as she wasn't given details on returning the money, or contacting her bank, or ignoring it.

She was ignoring it, but then found another message saying that they have her details and will report her to the police.



As this was the first time I had come across this scam first hand, I asked if she could show me the messages, but she had deleted them. However, she was able to retrieve them from the deleted folder as they had not yet been permanently deleted.

I told her that it is a scam and DO NOT message the sender. The name wasn't quite right anyway. I suggested to her that it would be better to contact her bank as the money was probably from a stolen credit card and that person has notified their bank about it. The bank will probably reimburse that person anyway. So she did this. The bank thanked her and said she did the right thing, said her account was fine and there was no need to cancel her card. Contacting the bank as well as deleting the message and reporting it as spam were the exact right things to do for this scam.

Here is what Google AI said about the scam:

This is a common "**accidental payment**" scam. The sender often uses a stolen credit card or hacked account to send money (e.g., via Venmo, Cash App, Zelle), then asks you to return it. If you return it, you are sending your *own* money, which the bank later reverses, leaving you losing your funds.

Do Not Send the Money Back Directly

- **Do not touch the money:** Leave it in your account.
- **Report to the platform:** Use the app's official "Report" or "Dispute" function (e.g., PayPal Resolution Center).
- **Contact your bank:** Inform them of the suspicious transaction.
- **Report the scam:** Submit a report to [Scamwatch](#) or your local cybercrime unit.

If the payment was truly an accident, the sender's bank will reverse it officially through the financial institutions involved.

Technology

Managing files on an Apple device (iPhone or iPad)

is designed to be simple, using an app called Files to keep documents, PDFs, and downloads organized. Think of the Files app as a digital filing cabinet for your device, acting similar to "My Documents" on a computer

Here is a straightforward guide to understanding and using files on your Apple device.

1. The "Files" App: Your Digital Filing Cabinet

The Files app is a blue folder icon typically found on your home screen or in your App Library

- What it does: It stores files you download from emails, Safari, or create yourself.
- Browse Section: When you open it, you can tap "Browse" at the bottom to see different locations, such as "On My iPhone" (files saved locally) or "iCloud Drive" (files saved in the cloud).

2. Understanding "iCloud Drive"

iCloud Drive is a service that stores your files online.

- Why use it? If you save a file to iCloud Drive on your iPad, you can open the same file on your iPhone or a computer.
- Safety: It protects your documents if your phone is lost or damaged

3. How to Open and Save Files

- Open a file: Simply tap on any file (like a PDF or document) in the Files app to open it.
- Save from Email/Internet: When you receive a document in an email or see a file in Safari, tap the Share icon (a box with an upward arrow) and select "Save to Files".
- Choose Location: You can then choose to save it into a folder in iCloud Drive or "On My iPhone."

4. How to Organize Files (Folders)

You can keep things tidy by creating folders.

- Open the Files app.
- Go to Browse and select a location (like iCloud Drive).
- Tap the three dots (...) icon in the top right corner.
- Select "New Folder" and name it (e.g., "Medical," "Photos," "Taxes").

Wk	Monday Morning Club Lambton	Monday Afternoon for ComputerPals Members Club Lambton	Tuesday Wallsend Library	Wednesday Afternoon Adamstown Library	Thursday Zoom session (see your email for the link)
1	27/4 Public Holiday Declared for Anzac Day		28/4 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Q & A	29/4 Library closed for repairs No class	30/4 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class #36_Zoom fee \$10 auto.due (covers all sessions for Term 1)
2	4/5 10:00 to 11:30 am • Enrolment Day • BeConnected Backup - Android & Apple 11:30 am - 'til you've had enough - Witepals	4/5 12:30 to 2:00 pm #46 Assistance class	5/5 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Backup - Android & Apple	6/5 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Backup - Android & Apple	7/5 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
3	11/5 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Background Personalisation	11/5 12:30 to 2:00 pm #47 Assistance class	12/5 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Background Personalisation	13/5 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Background Personalisation	14/5 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
4	18/5 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected You Tube & Streaming 11:30 am - 'til you've had enough - Witepals	18/5 12:30 to 2:00 pm # 48 Assistance class	19/5 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected You Tube & Streaming	20/5 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected You Tube & Streaming	21/5 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
5	25/5 10:00 to 11:30 am • Morning Tea with guest speaker • BeConnected	25/5 12:30 to 2:00 pm Committee Meeting	26/5 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Q & A	27/5 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Q & A	2/6 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
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6	1/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Passkeys 11:30 am - 'til you've had enough - Witepals	1/6 12:30 to 2:00 pm # 49 Assistance class	2/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Passkeys	3/6 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Passkeys	4/6 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
7	8/6 Kings Birthday Public Holiday		9/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Q & A	10/6 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Q & A	11/6 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
8	15/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Photo Mgt - Albums 11:30 am - 'til you've had enough - Witepals	15/6 12:30 to 2:00 pm # 50 Assistance class	16/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Photo Mgt - Albums	17/6 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Photo Mgt - Albums	18/6 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
9	22/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Photo Editing	22/6 12:30 to 2:00 pm Committee Meeting	23/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Photo Editing	24/6 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Photo Editing	25/6 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
10	29/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Download & Share Photos	29/6 12:30 to 2:00 pm # 51 Assistance class	30/6 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Download & Share Photos	1/7 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Download & Share Photos	2/7 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class