



# Compals East

Computer Pals For Seniors Eastern Suburbs.

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## Newsletter February 2010.

I sincerely hope all our members have had a very good break and are looking forward to their next lesson.

Our committee would like to know from you how you have enjoyed your lessons. If you are not satisfied please let us know what the problems are so we can look into it and see what improvements are needed.

We have been in operation for 10years, like all voluntary organisations we rely on volunteers' to come forward to assist in the running of the organisation. Most of our committee members have been serving the group since it commenced. We need new ideas and new members to come forward and start helping in the running of the group and to start training to be Tutors. Remember what you have learned have been given freely by seniors as volunteers. Give it ago. If you are interested please let us know. Phone me on 9130 1638 or email: [joffem@bigpond.com](mailto:joffem@bigpond.com)

Benda Liley has been with the organisation from the beginning. She has been a very loyal Committee Member and Tutor for 10years. Unfortunately she has been ill. Brenda on behalf of everyone we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.

Seniors week this year will be from Sunday 21st March to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will be holding an open morning on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> March for seniors at 30 Ebley St. Bondi Junction. Please let you friends know about this and come along to support our organisation.

I would like to welcome our new members and sincerely hope they enjoy their lessons.

### [New Term Workshops.](#)

There are still places available at the workshops being held during March 2010. If you are interested. Please contact Barbara, Telephone: 9130 1630 or Email: [joffeb@bigpond.com](mailto:joffeb@bigpond.com).

They will be held on the following days and times.

Wednesday.3/3/10 Housekeeping

Wednesday 10/3/10 Publisher.

Wednesday 17/3/10 Travel.

Friday 5/3/10 Resizing Photos.  
Friday.12/3/10 Downloading Free programs.  
Friday 19/3/10 Mobile Phones.

### Something Of Interest.

In the 15<sup>th</sup> Century a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. “Hence we have the rule Thumb”

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled “Gentlemen Only. Ladies Forbidden” and thus when abbreviated by using the first letter of each word “Golf” entered into the English language.

There is no doubt that Windows 7 is a huge improvement on Vista. In appearance it looks the same, but it boots up faster, is faster in operation has many more features and the intrusive features of Vista (where it tries to be helpful) has been replaced.

Some of the new features:

- Vastly improved Task Bar. The old tab style buttons are gone replaced with large colourful icons that sit on the left hand side of the screen.
- Preview thumbnails allow you to see what applications are open and call them instantly.
- Minimise and maximise of applications is much easier and faster, it allows you to click on a minimised window and have it fill only half your screen.
- The Home group feature allows several PCs to share music and videos between them without the problem of having to set up a formal network.
- Libraries allow all your photos, videos and music to access quickly with no fuss.

It is anticipated that we will switch to Windows 7 as our main system during 2010.

Our Next General Meeting will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm at the Mill Hill Centre. Level 2/31-33 Spring St Bondi Junction. At 2pm.

**THINK CAREFULLY** about the personal information you share online and how that might be used by others.

You should never share your full name, date of birth, address or phone number with people or sites you do not know and trust.

Consider protecting your friends and family too and ask that that they do the same for you.

The personal information and images you post online may be used to create a profile of you with the view of stealing your identity or in some cases, identifying your physical location.

It is very much a matter of common sense and we seniors seem to always have plenty of that.

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Regards. Mark Joffe.