



Endeavour News

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The next General Meeting of the Endeavour Seniors Computer Club will be held on **16th March 2020, 10 a.m.**

At the Sylvania Heights Community Centre
"WHITE HALL"
288 Box Road, Sylvania.

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

President's Report,

Changes are happening at our club our long serving Treasurer, Leon Blood is leaving this month, he will be sadly missed. I wish to personally thank him for the wonderful job he has done for many years. A new replacement, David Bergin has stepped forward to carry on Leon's work.

We applied for a community grant to keep our club solvent but unfortunately it was rejected. Our lease at our training room is due to expire in June; we intend to vacate and hold teaching classes at Hammond Grove in Bellingara Rd Sylvania.

Joe our newsletter editor has been successful in organising a guest speaker for our March meeting it is Meng Chen Curtis from Service NSW expounding what they do to help the public.

Our last month's guest speaker was Brett Levy, from ASCCA, who is also a marketing technologist, he spoke about how hackers get into your various electronic systems such as phones, smart TV, computers, WI-FI, and even printers to get information so they can steal your money or private technical data. Public WI-FI can be hacked so don't use it, but if you have to, don't disclose your personal or banking details.

Over 90% of ATMs are vulnerable. Instead of using a credit card get a debit card and maintain a low balance. Traditional firewalls and antivirus security can be penetrated. Routers can also be attacked, over 1/2 million attacks in the USA. A suspected router can be restored by turning off the power.

There are 6 types of hackers, details of these will appear in the April newsletter.

Walter Skarschewski
President



The Club's General Meetings
are held on the **3rd Monday** of
the month, at the
Sylvania Heights
Community & Youth Club,
288 Box Road, Sylvania
10 am Start

*\$ 5 Entry for Members and \$5 Visitors
Coffee and Tea from 9.30am*

NOTICE BOARD



Dates for your Diary: March 2020

Our 2nd General Meeting for the year will be on Monday 16th March guest speaker – Meng Chen Curtis from Service NSW Government

Dates for your Diary: April 2020 General Meeting Mon. 20th – Q&A. Microsoft were booked but had to cancel due to a busy school holiday period.

Please note

If at any time, you are at the Training rooms and notice a problem with electrical cables or anything that could cause a safety problem would you please notify your Tutor or somebody on the committee.

Thank you, as your safety is our first concern.

You can now pay your ESCC Fees by Bank Transfer.

Acct Name: ESCC

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17th February 2020 Meeting

Members attended: 41

Joined at Meeting: 0

Visitors: 0

Total at meeting: 41

New Members: Nil



PRESIDENT WALTER

PATRICIA MAYNE
DOOR PRIZE WINNER
ESCC - FEBRUARY 2020

BRETT LEVY
"ASCCA"

Brett Levy, ASCCA Marketing Director, Manager of Beyond Intent – Brett is the owner of a Digital Solutions Consultancy based in Sydney. Beyond Intent offers more than 15 years of experience in digital marketing to help companies answer their digital questions and solve their challenges. He also hosts a weekly podcast on Eagle Waves Radio, called Tech Knowledge.

Hackers: The Modern-Day Highway Men – Do you fully understand the misery of those stories of hacking and stealing your information? Brett will tell us about the reality as we are all vulnerable and a potential target. He will discuss the steps you can take to protect yourself.

Come and discover more! Watch this handy-cam video replay, from ASCCA's 21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors, attended by Walter and Joseph, on 13th and 14th November 2019. The video presented at the 14th November '19 ASCCA meeting and ESCC on Monday the 17th February 2020 as well, can be re-played on Fridays 20th and 27th March 10am till 12Noon in our training room **184 Gannon's Road Caringbah South NSW 2229** Costs \$5.00 Tea & Biscuit.

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Hundreds of Google Chrome browser extensions revealed to be spreading malware for a decade

Browser extensions are small third party programmes that can be added to your internet browser to allow access to features otherwise not present. If you want to integrate your browser with a service or get an additional feature, there's a good chance you can do it with a browser extension that already exists. All internet browsers such as Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Firefox etc allow the addition of extensions. There are many to choose from. However, browser extensions are like any other piece of software. Malicious extensions could do bad things and even well-intentioned extensions could have bugs.

The following article, from Google news, issues a warning on some recently discovered malware with some extensions for the Google Chrome browser.

"Maintaining some level of security on the internet is crucial, but it can often end up becoming very difficult indeed if you are the sort of person that uses Google products because of the fact that some of them are notorious for not being nearly as secure as most people would like them to be, often resulting in countless users having their devices infected with some form of malware as well as putting their data and general privacy and security at serious risk. The latest example of Google's failings in the security department is quite serious indeed. Essentially the tech engine giant removed around five hundred extensions that people were using on the Chrome browser because of the fact that these extensions were injecting malware into the devices and systems of the people that were using them, as reported by Duo Security. The number is rather alarming since it indicates a really coordinated effort by a centralized source, but there is another aspect of this that makes it even scarier for people that use Google Chrome, and this is the fact that these extensions had been infecting users with malware for two whole years before someone ended up doing something about it. What's more is that the group that created these extensions for the express purpose of spreading malware has been active for a decade now, and by the looks of it they are clearly still going very strong indeed. This means that Google needs to take some really serious measures if it wants to ensure that people are able to utilize their services without worrying about such situations. The fact that a group has constantly been infecting users with malware for a whole decade indicates that some drastic steps need to be taken, otherwise the malicious actors will be emboldened by their successes and would come back with a vengeance. Collectively, 500 Chrome extensions that infected users' browsers were identified and were consequently removed from the Web Store. More than 1.7 million users were affected which indicates the scale at which browser extensions when used as an attack vector can impact end users. As part of good security hygiene, we recommend users regularly audit what extensions they have installed, remove ones they no longer use, and report ones they do not recognize. Being more mindful and having access to more easily accessible information on extensions can help keep both enterprises and users safe."

Also, you shouldn't overload your browser with extensions. Each extension is another piece of code running on your computer. You should be particularly careful with browser extensions. They're running in your browser, so a bad extension could use its access to snoop on your browsing, possibly capturing your credit card numbers and passwords. However, while it's good to bear this in mind, the actual risks — assuming you stick with extensions from well-known developers and well-reviewed extensions with lots of users — are fairly minimal.



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Computer Lessons available to members of the Club:

WINDOWS 10:

2x2 hour lessons + notes, Cost \$36.00, Day and time by appointment, Laptops welcome
Telephone Peter Day or Carol Bagshaw

BASIC INTERNET and EMAIL:

2x2 hour lessons. Cost \$32.00, Day and time by appointment, Laptops welcome
Telephone Peter Day or Carol Bagshaw

MICROSOFT WORD: Document creation

2x2 hour lessons, Cost \$32.00, Thursday, 10am-12pm, Laptops welcome
Telephone Carol Bagshaw

MICROSOFT EXCEL: Spreadsheets

2x2 hour lessons + notes, Cost \$36.00, Thursday, 10am-12pm, Laptops welcome
Telephone Carol Bagshaw

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT: Presentations

2x2 hour lessons, Cost \$32.00, Thursday, 10am-12pm, Laptops welcome
Telephone Carol Bagshaw

Apple iPad, iPod and iPhones:

1x2 hour lesson, Cost \$16.00, Wednesday, 10am-12pm.
Telephone Ruth Bingham

ANDROID TABLETS and PHONES:

1X2 hour lesson, Cost \$16.00, Day and time by appointment. Bring your own Android device
Telephone Peter Day

FOLDERS and FILES: Learn how to put your photos and other work in order

1X2 hour lesson, Cost \$16.00, Day and time by appointment, Laptops welcome
Telephone Peter Day or Carol Bagshaw

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE:

1x2 hour lesson, Cost \$16.00, Day and time by appointment, Laptops welcome
Telephone Peter Day

Important Note: Would all Trainees please ensure that they have installed all Microsoft Updates on their **Laptops** before bringing them to the Club Training Room for lessons.

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Carol Bagshaw: 0408 190 242

Peter Day: 9527-4013 or Email: sozuga@bigpond.com

Ruth Bingham: 9525-1605 between 9am and 5pm or Email: ruth.bingham@gmail.com

Interest Group: COMPUTER EXPLORERS GROUP (COMEX)

Informal meeting to discuss trends in computers and technology plus help in resolving computer problems.
Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10am. Cost - \$5.00.
Telephone: Peter Day 9527-4013

The Club Training room location: Will be advised by the Tutor when the lesson is booked.

Lessons must be paid for within 7 days of booking

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