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Meeting Timetable

Mitchelton Library Helios Parade Mitchelton

9:30am	Q&A	John Tacey
11pm	AGM meeting and election of officers	Gary
	Presidents Report	Keith
1:00pm	Lunch -- Report to the Club	Keith
2:00pm	Linux Ubuntu Mate Workshop	Keith All

If you have a question that may need a bit of a look up, let me know before the meeting

Presentation can be done using Power Point and shared screens.



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CLUB NOTICES

Notice is given for the
Club's AGM to be held on the
15th of September

Secretary.

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The Members' Web Page

Meeting Days

22 September 2024

20 October 2024

17 November 2024

22 December 2024

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Hi All,

Last month went well on reports received and further advances on how to get Win 11 up onto and older hardware.

I have not been doing much so little to report this month.

I record my thanks to Gary and Ross for committee service and to John Tacey for the Q&A and John's notes. Chris continues to edit the magazine to all my thanks on behalf of the Club and myself.

AAM will be run at 11am in this months meeting.

Looking forward to a continuing year with computers and mobile devices and chasing down more on Linux as an alternative to Windows.

All for now

See you at the meeting

Keith

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Reports

Presentation and Education

Presentation:

Morning 11am. AGM and elections.

After Afternoon 1pm: Linux Ubuntu Mate workshop

Membership Report - Gary Woodforth

We had 8 members at the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report

August 2024

Opening Balance at 01/8/24	2145.50
Income	
Bank Interest	0.01
Total Income	0.01
Total Expenses	0.00
Month's gain	0.01
Balance at 31/8/24	2145.51

Ross Skyring
Treasurer

President's Report for 2023-2024

Brisbug PC User Club

President report for 2024

Our year has provided us with some new learnings and many question as the work of computers and digital live continually change.

AI is now well entrenched and taking us to how knows where. I see a lot of what can be done but also a lot of "trust me" as we engage with the apps and processes many, if not all, that see us sharing data with free abandon. AI is being integrated in to just about anything you can think of.

I personally think that it is running away without checks and balances, this is not something that can be left to self-control these are groups that are out to make money. We can't let it be another social media frenzy they is now out of control and with such access to money they are untouchable. I don't think we can afford that this time.

Our club continues to give me much pleasure and social contact along with access new thinking help with "how does that work" and the turn to learning Linux as an alternate "computer OS is an enjoyable part of the year.

The Club is well supported by Gary and Ross on the committee; John Tacey with his stewardship of Q&A is a fundamental roll for us and his time providing John's Jot for the magazine give a lot of reference links to many topics. Chris Haywood continues to fill out the magazine editing it and placing articles from the APCUG link.

Fred Stratford has throughout the year extended our horizons with presentations on a number of topics.

So I report a successful year and look forward to the next.

I hope you all have enjoyed the club and the exchange of information and help.

Warm Regards

Keith



John's Jots

Q&A - August meeting

Snoop/Spy Ware

Beware that various application programs can "phone home" with all data that they have harvested without the users knowledge or permission.

Use a bidirectional Firewall (e.g. ZoneAlarm) to control what can send from your PC.

Note that anything such as a browser which has internet access approval has clearance to send outgoing traffic.

Fortunately the PC Magazine Newsletter of 25 August has an article which covers the gamut of security/privacy topics.

You are bound to find something of benefit for your needs.

See Tips etc. section

How to Completely Disappear From the Internet

Slow Connection to the Internet

How to highlight Mouse Pointer on Windows PC

There are various approaches to this requirement:-

Use a bigger cursor icon

Use a coloured icon

Use an animated icon

Add Cursor Ring

<https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/all/cursor-ring-symbol/067b4c46-8323-4c4e-bb62-3d6f5d390e6f>

threerWindows+10+Ring+Around+Cursor

<https://duckduckgo.com/?t=lm&q=Windows%2B10%2BRing+around%2BCursor&ia=web>

10 Best Mouse Cursor Schemes for Windows 10, 8, and 7.

23rd June 2024 by Manish Sahay

Within this list are three interesting icons.

DIM v3.2 - TechnoBlue, NitroGreen, InfraRed, by BlooGuy

<https://www.thepcinsider.com/best-mouse-cursor-schemes-windows-10/>

Browsers

Chrome and Edge are best avoided.

Firefox O.K.

The best secure browsers for privacy: Expert tested

Written by Charlie Osborne, Contributing Writer

June 4, 2024, 10:54 AM PDT

Reviewed by Kayla Solino

The best browsers for privacy help protect your online identity with third-party ad blockers, VPNs, and a pledge never to sell your data.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/best-browser-for-privacy/>

Search Engines

Bing and Google are best avoided.

DuckDuckGo- Good to go

The best private search engines for secure browsing

Jomilè Nakutavičiūtė Jan 25, 2024

If you're like 80% of people, you probably used Google the last time you needed to search for something online. Google offers so many apps and services that it has become almost irreplaceable. But with each of those tools tracking your every move, you're giving up more control of your life than ever before. You can replace Google's signature search engine with a truly private search engine, and there are plenty of alternatives to choose from.

<https://nordvpn.com/blog/private-search-engines/>

Note: This record of the Q&A session topics relies on my biological volatile memory (a.k.a. the 'forgettery').

Gleanings from e-newsletters and other sources.

Reviews

Apple Maps vs. Google Maps vs. Waze:

By Jordan Minor Jul 28, 2024

The Best Navigation Apps for 2024

If you're traveling to a new place, would like to shorten your daily commute, or want to find the lowest gas price, check out the best map apps we've tested.

<https://au.pcmag.com/gps-navigation/104682/apple-maps-vs-google-maps-vs-waze-the-best-navigation-apps-for-2024>

The Best GPS Devices for 2024

By Will Greenwald, Ben Moore Jul 11, 2024

Driving in circles? A good GPS can help get you where you're going quickly and safely so you arrive on time.

<https://au.pcmag.com/gps-navigation/84004/not-wild-about-waze-try-one-of-these-top-gps-devices>

Kiss Your VPN Subscription Fees Goodbye

By StackCommerce Team (Sponsored)

August 25, 2024

This portable VPN router lets you enjoy fast, encrypted browsing up to 300Mbps. The best part? It'll save you a fortune.

https://www.pcmag.com/deals/kiss-your-vpn-subscription-fees-goodbye?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=security_watch&zdee=gAAAAABjNL8ST42l80nl07cPB3qfRUI6ntgUgOTESELeSDIZFhs8z4qnmoLs_AknqwLVhZpQWW_I djjcVknAoSBZ5elt2gM0-Tu64aKwciwXzXGx5QU6ZfE%3D&lctg=24359534815

Top 100 Best Budget Buys:

Affordable, Tested Tech That's Actually Worth It

By PCmag Staff Aug 24, 2024

Our experts review more than 1,500 technology products each year. Our mega-guide, updated monthly, scopes out the very best cost-conscious products across 15 key categories.

<https://au.pcmag.com/guide/93228/the-pcmag-cheap-100-affordable-tested-tech-actually-worth-buying>

Norton Ultra VPN Plus

By Neil J. Rubenking, Chris Stobing Aug 29, 2024

A feature-packed, but underbaked, offering from Norton

<https://au.pcmag.com/vpn/60125/symantec-norton-secure-vpn>

Intel's 'Raptor Lake' Bug Patch Is Here: How Much Does It Affect Performance?

By Michael Justin Allen Sexton Aug 29, 2024

The bug biting Intel's 13th and 14th Gen Core desktop chips is a big deal. We test the effect the first major patch has on CPU speed, power consumption, and operating temperatures.

<https://au.pcmag.com/processors/107025/intels-raptor-lake-bug-patch-is-here-how-much-does-it-affect-performance>

Who Still Needs a Printer?

By Jill Duffy Aug 27, 2024

Me! Despite what Millennials and Gen Z seem to think about printers being relics of the past, if your life is headed in any of these directions, you should own one.

<https://au.pcmag.com/printers/106986/who-still-needs-a-printer>

New Releases

Adobe Air

License: Freeware

File name: 51.1.1.3

File Size: 5.94 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: Adobe Systems Inc

URL: <http://www.adobe.com>

Adobe Flash Player (IE)

License: Freeware

File name: 32.0.0.293

File Size: 21.1MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: Adobe Systems Inc

URL: <http://www.adobe.com>

Essential PIM 12.0.5

License:Free

File name: Essential PIM.exe

File Size: 68.89 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher:

URL: <https://www.essentialpim.com/pc-version>

Foxit Reader Release Date: August 9, 2024

Download

Issues Addressed in Foxit PDF Reader 2024.2.3.25184

License: Freeware

File Size: 96.4 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: Foxit Corporation

URL: <http://www.foxitsoftware.com/>

FreeCommander XE 2024 Build 901 32-bit public

License: Freeware

Release Date: 02.02.2024

License: Freeware

File Name: FreeCommanderXE-32-en-public_setup.zip Build 981 32-bit

File Size: 29.6 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: Marek Jasinski

Note: It is available without or with a help file

URL: <https://freecommander.com/en/downloads/>

Glary Utilities 6

License: Freeware

Release Date:

File Name: Glary_Utilities_v 6.14.0.18.exe

File Size: 26.45 MB

Platform: Windows 8, 7, 2000, XP, Vista. 32/64bit version.

Publisher: Glarysoft Ltd

Languages: 44 Languages [Help Translate]

URL: <http://www.glaryutilities.com/>

Release Notes:

Optimized Disk Cleaner: added support for 'Corel VideoStudio Pro x9' and 'SketchUp Make 2014'

Optimized Tracks Eraser: added support for 'Corel VideoStudio Pro x9' and 'SketchUp Make 2014'

Optimized Software Update: optimized the version comparison algorithm, and increase the comparison speed by 30%

Optimized Empty Folders Finder: add folder delete validation to prevent accidentally deletion of non-empty folder

Minor GUI improvements

Minor bug fixes

Glary Utilities is a freeware with registry and disk cleaning, privacy protection, performance accelerator and amazing multifunctional tools. It can fix dogged registry errors, wipe off clutters, optimise Internet speed, safeguard confidential files and maintain maximum performance.

It is designed for both novice and professionals. User-friendly interface shows clear & detailed directions. For novice, all work can be done with just 1 or 2 clicks, while for professionals, abundant options are available.

Key features:

Optimise, clean and boost the speed of your Windows.

Protect your privacy and security.

Block spyware, trojans, adware, etc.

Fix certain application errors.

Simple, fast and user friendly interface.

For private use only.

URL: <http://www.glaryutilities.com/>

Google Chrome (32bit) 128.0.6613.85

License: Freeware

File name: ChromeSetup.exe

File Size: 105.80 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: Google

URL: <https://www.google.com/chrome/>

LibreOffice

License: Freeware

File name: LibreOffice_24.8.0_Win_x86.msi

File Size: 329.70 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: The Document Foundation

Comments: Contains the functions:-

Writer

PDF

Presentation

Spreadsheet

URL:

https://mirror.freedif.org/TDF/libreoffice/stable/6.2.0/win/x86/LibreOffice_6.2.0_Win_x86.msi

Moon

Reader

/home/blue_leader/Downloads/com.flyersoft.moonreader_v9.4-904001_Android-5.0.apk

License: Freeware

Updated: 23 Sep 2022

File name: moonreader_v9.4-904001_Android-5.0.apk

File Size: 38.4 MB O/S: Android

Publisher:

URL: https://r-static-assets.androidapks.com/rdata/5f3e186a7c6c02ec49e0e6907ac35b14/com.flyersoft.moonreader_v9.4-904001_Android-5.0.apk

Mozilla Firefox

License: Freeware

File name: Mozilla_Firefox_(32bit)_v129.0.2.exe
Update

File Size: 60.01 MB O/S: Windows 7 to 10

Publisher: Mozilla Corporation

Comments:-

To force a manual update:-

Menu Button > ? Button > 'About Firefox'

URL: <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>

Mozilla Thunderbird

License: Freeware

File name: Thunderbird Setup 128.1.1(GB).exe

File Size: 60.69 MB O/S: Windows XP SP2 to 10

Publisher: Mozilla Corporation

URL: <http://www.mozilla.org/en-GB/thunderbird/>

PDFCreator

License: Freeware

File name: PDFCreator_v5.3.1.exe

File Size: 43.09 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: pdfforge

URL: <https://www.pdfforge.org/>

TheSage English Dictionary and Thesaurus 7.60.2814

What's new in TheSage English Dictionary and Thesaurus 7.60.2814

May 11, 2024

Category: English Dictionary and Thesaurus

License: Non-commercial users can use the evaluation license indefinitely.

Release Date: May 2024

File name: TheSage_Setup_7.60.2814.exe

File Size: 38.4 MB

O/S: Windows
Publisher: Sequence Publishing
Note: Also available as portable version
URL:

<https://www.sequencepublishing.com/1/thesage/thesage.html>

WordWeb

WordWeb Version: 10.1

Category: Dictionary - Thesaurus

Languages: English, Spanish, German, Indonesian, Italian, Portuguese, More.

License: All users may use WordWeb for 30 days for evaluation purposes.

After 30 days you may use it only if you take fewer than three flights in any 12-month period (i.e. at most one return flight per year).

If you fly more than this you must purchase WordWeb Pro to continue using the software after 30 days.

See licensing for details. See wordweb.info

File name: wordweb10(1).exe File Size: 26.4 MB

O/S: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows 10

Publisher: WordWeb Software

URL: <https://wordweb.en.downloadastro.com/>

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<http://ct.com.com/>

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<http://ct.com.com/>

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<http://ct.com.com/>

Tips etc.

How to Completely Disappear From the Internet

By Eric Griffith Updated May 5, 2024

Want to mask your online identity and shield your data from those who wish to surveil you? Here are all the steps you should take.

https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-stay-anonymous-online?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=tipstrickshoowto&zdee=gAAAAABjNL8ST42I80nI07cPB3qfRUI6ntgUgOTESELeSDIZFhs8z4qnmols_AknqwlVhZpQWW_I djicVkNAoSBZ5elt2gM0-Tu64aKwciwXzXGx5QU6ZfE%3D

Intel's 'Raptor Lake' Desktop CPU Bug:

By Michael Justin Allen Sexton Aug 07, 2024

What to Know, What to Do Now

Unstable 13th and 14th Gen Intel Core processors are raising lots of concerns for desktop owners. Here's the latest on what's happening—and what your next move should be.

<https://au.pcmag.com/processors/106560/intels-raptor-lake-desktop-cpu-bug-what-to-know-what-to-do-now>

7 Features You Need in Your New Laptop (and 4 You Should Skip)

By Eric Grevstad Apr 17, 2024

After testing and rating more than 300 laptops, PCMag's longest-serving reviewer has some good advice about essential features in your new PC and what's not worth your money.

<https://au.pcmag.com/laptops/104502/the-11-most-overrated-and-underrated-laptop-features>

Back From the Dead (Again):

Razer Resurfaces Leftie-Friendly Naga Mouse

By Francisco Lahoz Aug 14, 2024

Just in time for Left Handers Day, Razer is bringing back the left-handed version of the crowd-favorite Naga for \$80. If the past is any indication, it may not stick around.

<https://au.pcmag.com/computer-mice/106760/back-from-the-dead-again-razer-resurfaces-leftie-friendly-naga-mouse>

How to Calibrate Your Monitor

By M. David Stone Updated May 22, 2024

Do those fonts look fuzzy? Streaming movies look washed out? Learning how to calibrate your monitor can solve those and many other problems. Here's how to do it.

https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-calibrate-your-monitor?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=dedicated&zdee=gAAAAABjNL8ST42I80nI07cPB3qfRUI6ntgUgOTESELeSDIZFhs8z4qnmols_AknqwlVhZpQWW_I djicVkNAoSBZ5elt2gM0-Tu64aKwciwXzXGx5QU6ZfE%3D

Shut Down Web Tracking:

By Ajay Kumar Apr 30, 2024

How to Switch From Google Chrome to the Brave Browser

Brave offers a privacy-conscious alternative to Google's browser, with promises to block ads and web trackers. Here's how to import your data from Chrome to Brave.

<https://au.pcmag.com/browsers/104995/shut-down-web-tracking-how-to-switch-from-google-chrome-to-brave-browser>

How to Clean Your Computer Keyboard

By Stephanie Mlot Jan 02, 2024

From the classic shakedown to bathing keycaps, these tips will help you banish keyboard grime.

<https://au.pcmag.com/keyboards/86024/how-to-clean-your-computer-keyboard>

How To Stream 60+ Years of Doctor Who in Order

By Eric Griffith Jun 22, 2024

The Doctor and his companions have been traveling time and space for decades, but all their adventures aren't on Disney+. Here's where to stream all the incarnations of the Time Lord.

<https://au.pcmag.com/video-streaming-services/105836/how-to-stream-60-years-of-doctor-who-in-order>

The Best Cheap Keyboards for 2024

By Zackery Cuevas Aug 20, 2024

Can't spend a pile to upgrade the basic keyboard that came with your PC? Check out the best budget keyboards we've tested for money-minded typists of all kinds.

<https://au.pcmag.com/keyboards/101142/the-best-cheap-keyboards-for-2023>

A 'Pile' of Pirated Work:

By Emily Dreibelbis Aug 21, 2024

Authors Sue Anthropic AI, Joining YouTuber Backlash

The suit alleges the Claude creator trains its models on copyrighted books from a controversial dataset called 'The Pile,' which also came under fire last month from YouTube creators.

<https://au.pcmag.com/ai/106879/a-pile-of-pirated-work-authors-sue-anthropic-ai-joining-youtuber-backlash>

Tesla Issues Rare Physical Recall on Model X Roof

By Emily Dreibelbis Aug 21, 2024

Instead of the usual over-the-air software update, this fix calls for some good old fashioned glue.

<https://au.pcmag.com/cars-auto/106881/tesla-issues-rare-physical-recall-on-model-x-roof>

Zero-Day Windows Bug Linked to North Korean Hacking Group Lazarus

By Michael Kan Aug 17, 2024

Security researchers say the previously unknown Windows vulnerability was exploited by the notorious hacking group, potentially giving them system privileges on Windows PCs.

<https://au.pcmag.com/security/106824/zero-day-windows-bug-linked-to-north-korean-hacking-group-lazarus>

Windows Finally Expands FAT32 Formatting From 32GB to 2TB

By Michael Kan Aug 17, 2024

The change should make it easier for users to format a USB drive or flash card while using the FAT32 system, which dates back to 1996.

<https://au.pcmag.com/migrated-15175-windows-10/106822/windows-finally-expands-fat32-formatting-from-32gb-to-2tb>

This 1 Millimeter Chip Works As a Tiny Fan for a Phone's Processor

By Michael Kan Aug 21, 2024

xMEMS Labs is applying its micro audio speaker technology to device cooling.

<https://au.pcmag.com/processors/106878/this-1-millimeter-chip-works-as-a-tiny-fan-for-a-phones-processor>

How to Connect Your Android Phone to Your Windows 11 PC

By Michael Muchmore May 25, 2024

Connecting the two lets you send text messages, see notifications, instantly grab photos, and even run apps from your Android on your Windows 11 PC. We show you how to get started.

<https://au.pcmag.com/operating-systems/92826/how-to-connect-your-android-phone-to-your-windows-11-pc>

What Is Temu? Read Before You 'Shop Like a Billionaire'

By Chandra Steele Aug 23, 2024

You've probably been targeted with Temu ads or have a shopping cart full of items you're thinking of buying. Before you click buy, we have some answers about the shopping site that's seemingly everywhere.

<https://au.pcmag.com/shopping/99984/what-is-temu-read-before-you-shop-like-a-billionaire>

This Android Malware Can Swipe Your Money Using NFC Tech

By Kate Irwin Aug 28, 2024

Cybersecurity firm Eset uncovers Android malware that can mimic your payment details to make fraudulent transactions or pull money from your accounts at an ATM.

<https://au.pcmag.com/security/106995/this-android-malware-can-swipe-your-money-using-nfc-tech>

Chinese Hacking Unit Uses Zero-Day Flaw to Infiltrate US ISP

By Michael Kan Aug 28, 2024

The flaw allowed a suspected Chinese hacking group to plant malware at four US-based companies involved in the ISP and information technology sectors.

<https://au.pcmag.com/networking/106994/chinese-hacking-unit-uses-zero-day-flaw-to-infiltrate-us-isp>

After Blaze in Rivian Parking Lot, Local Fire Dept Does Some EV Fire Myth-Busting

By Emily Dreibelbis Aug 29, 2024

The cause of the Rivian fire is still under investigation, but putting it out was easier than you might think, according to officials with the Normal Fire Department in Illinois.

<https://au.pcmag.com/cars-auto/107017/after-blaze-in-rivian-parking-lot-local-fire-dept-does-some-ev-fire-myth-busting>

'Play' Ransomware Group Claims It Breached Microchip, Stole Secret Data

By Kate Irwin Aug 29, 2024

A screenshot shared online suggests the group stole confidential data and personal information in connection with Microchip, as well as budget, payroll, and accounting data.

<https://au.pcmag.com/security/107013/play-ransomware-group-claims-it-breached-microchip-stole-secret-data>

How to Tell if Your Phone Is Being Tapped (and What to Do About It)

By John Bogna Jul 30, 2024

Have you been infected by spyware? Occasional wonkiness on your phone is to be expected, but these glitches can be a sign of something more nefarious. Here's what to look out for.

<https://au.pcmag.com/security/100696/how-to-tell-if-your-phone-is-being-tapped-and-what-to-do-about-it>

Google 'Essentials' Adds Quick Access to Its Apps From Windows Start Menu

By Jibin Joseph Aug 24, 2024

Essentials bundles tools like Google Messages, Photos, and Drive into an app that will come pre-loaded on PCs, starting with HP computers. Is this just more bloatware?

<https://au.pcmag.com/productivity/106937/google-essentials-adds-quick-access-to-its-apps-from-windows-start-menu>

Here Endeth John's Jots

APCUG ARTICLES

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No articles this month due to time limited to get done and online.

Minutes of Brisbug PC User Group Inc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at

Mitchelton Library, 37 Heliopolis Parade, Mitchelton QLD 4053

17 September 2023

1. President's Opening Remarks

The President, Keith Catts opened the meeting at 11:30 pm, and welcomed all those present.

2. Attendance

Attendance was as per the attendance register, 10 members. A Quorum was present.

Apologies:- Fred Stratford, Klaus Querengasser

3. Minutes of the Previous meetings:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022; advised that those minutes had been published in the August and September edition of the Club's magazine.

It was moved by G Woodforth and seconded by I Arney that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 18 September 2022, as published in the Club's magazine in August & September 2023 be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the meeting. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence Inwards has been received as follows:

- Office of Fair Trading

The usual form has been received from the Office of Fair Trading to be completed after the Annual General Meeting.

Correspondence Outwards

Application to the Mitchelton Library for use of the room through next year.

6. President's Report

Keith Catts advised that his report was published in the magazine and he confirmed another successful year at the library. Keith thanked members for their support during the year.

The report is repeated here.

President's Report for 2022-2023

Another year has passed and the club has 14 members and average 10 members attending each meeting.

We were grateful for the use of the Mitchelton Library meeting room with its excellent facilities.

I wish to give my thanks to the members of the committee for their continued service to the club in keeping it active and meeting the Association requirements.

Also my thanks to John Tracey for his continued leading of the Q&A sessions and the time and effort he puts in for "John's Jots" in the magazine, a lot of useful information and links to further detail on the information he provides. Thanks to Chris Haydock for continuing on with editing the magazine. Both these are valuable contact with members.

This year we explored the alternatives for Microsoft Windows and Office. With the increasing minimum specifications for Windows OS making many computer obsolete and the new to buy a later product, the question was asked, Do We Need Windows? And again Do We Need Office.

In reality most of us do not need the Microsoft at the costs now being imposed. Determined that Linux was now suitable for many of us and its "window's like" presentation was more than a suitable replacement and the cost is Free. We found at least 3 alternative "office" offering that were compatible to read and save files from Microsoft Office so able to work with files from other sources that are MS Office users creations.

I personally look forward to our meetings for what I can pick up and where I can assistance with some computer issues.

Without a doubt the area is becoming more and more crowded with ever expanding apps and what they can do, together with the increasingly sophisticated ways we are at risk from intrusions attempts on our computers and other devices, and now AI is "among us".

I hope you as members enjoy the meetings and from time to time find new ways the use the computer or to increase your knowledge and skills.

Join me in the coming year for a continuing examination of the changes in technology and its impacts.

Regards Keith

Treasurer's Report

Ross Skyring presented the Treasurers report for the year of 2022/2023.

The Financial Statement setting out the financial activities for the year is included in the September magazine, and will form part of the Annual Return of Association to Office of Fair Trading.

R Skyring moved that the Financial Report be accepted and passed as a true record of the Club's financial transactions for the year. Seconded by B Bailey :- Passed and carried.

The treasurers Report is repeated here.

***Financial Statement for Brisbug PC User Group Inc.
Financial year 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022***

<i>Profit and Loss statement</i>			
<i>INCOME</i>	2023	2022	2021
<i>Member's renewal subs</i>	0.00	420.00	480.00
<i>New member's subscriptions</i>	0.00	0.00	120.00
<i>Raffle</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Canteen</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Interest</i>	0.12	0.12	0.00
<i>Equipment</i>	0.00	0.00	0.73
<i>Total Income</i>	0.12	420.12	600.73
<i>EXPENSES</i>			
<i>Bankfees and charges</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Canteen / Xmas</i>	40.12	26.50	41.81
<i>Subscriptions (APCUG)</i>	78.03	73.14	70.41
<i>Equipment</i>	57.45	120.00	55.83
<i>Dept of Fair Trading</i>	58.60	57.60	56.60
<i>Hire of hall</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Internet expenses</i>	139.86	0.00	27.50
<i>Insurance</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Membership expenses</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Printing and stationary</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Raffle</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00

<i>Other</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	374.06	277.24	252.15
NET PROFIT/LOSS	373.94	142.88	348.58
AVAILABLE FUNDS			
<i>Opening balance</i>	2908.40	2,765.52	2,416.94
<i>Net profit/loss</i>	-373.94	142.88	348.58
Total cash funds	2534.46	2,908.40	2,765.52
CASH ASSETS			
<i>Westpac Solutions One account</i>	707.23	1,081.29	938.53
<i>Westpac Solutions Cash Reserve</i>	1827.23	1827.11	1,826.99
	2534.46	2,908.40	2,765.52
NON CASH ASSETS			
<i>Hardware</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Software</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTE: All Assets are written off with no value. Two items Laptop and Projector remain in use.

Notes:

Brisbug is a level 3 Association having income and Assets less than \$20,000.

The Office of Fair Trading Queensland does not require an audit for this level of association. The financial statement for the year is to be verified by the President and Treasurer.

Brisbug derives its total income from membership subscriptions and interest on its bank accounts

Brisbug has a bank account with Westpac Bank and holds its funds in a Cheque account and in a high interest account.

Brisbug's assets have been written off as of no value, but it retains the following equipment Dell Laptop, Samsung tablet and the Epson projector. Old software is retained as proof of license.

There are no liabilities.

Verification of Financial Statement.

The above statement of accounts has been prepared from the records kept by the association and it is declared that the association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

Signed

K. Catts President
Date

R. Skyring Treasurer
Date

7. Election of Office Bearers

Keith adjourned the meeting for the election of Office Bearers for the next year.

He declared all positions vacant and asked John Tacey to undertake the election of Office Bearers.

Formal nominations were received by the Secretary and as no other nominations were forthcoming it was agreed that they be submitted to the meeting.

John Tacey:- received the written nominations and being no other nominations declared that the nominations duly seconded and accepted, that

Keith Catts is elected as President.

Gary Woodforth is elected as Secretary.

Ross Skyring is elected as Treasurer.

John Tacey thanked the committee for their work throughout the year.

Keith thanked those present for electing the committee, and the members of the committee for standing again for the offices.

Keith thanked John for officiating for the elections.

8. General Business

Keith advised a request for the continued use of the library room had been submitted and awaiting a reply possibly in November.

9. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:45pm.