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## Meeting Timetable

### Mitchelton Library Helios Parade Mitchelton

9:30am	Q&A	John Tacey
11pm	AGM .	Keith
	Lunch -- GM - Report to the Club	Keith
1:00pm	Linux workshop	Fred / Keith All

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



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## CLUB NOTICES

Notice is given for the  
Club's AGM to be held on the  
21<sup>st</sup> of September

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### Meeting Days

21 September 2025  
19 October 2025  
16 November 2025  
21 December 2025  
19 January 2026

### Submission Deadline

**Friday 3 October 2025**

Please use e-mail if possible

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Hi All,

We have our AGM and Election of a committee for the next year this meeting. As always I have to thank both Garry as our Secretary and Ross as our Treasure, for holding the roles and maintaining our Club. While we are a smaller club they have ensured we continue to meet and be a source for learning about our computers and other devices, and have a bit of a laugh on the side.

We have no nomination for the roles so will be taking nominations from the floor for President, Secretary and Treasures, necessary roles to maintain our incorporation and the Club.

John Tacey has continued to lead us with the Q&A sessions and it remains well provided with question and issues, some we can answer or others we point in a direction for further search. Editor Chris continues with the magazine and our thanks to her for that link for the members. It has been good to have her join the meetings.

As we come to the end for Windows 10 as it goes unsupported by Microsoft, we have addressed options for the "what to do" question. Hang in and hope or buy a new computer.

With the valuable help from Fred Stratford, we have looked at keeping our old hardware and using Linux to keep us computing. We continue with this as a viable option to a use of our hardware and essentially free computing.

I have enjoyed meeting with members, and learning a bit more and recovering things I have lost. I look forward to the next years and maybe come a little proficient with Linux.

See you at the meeting

Keith

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# Reports

## Presentation and Education

9:30am : Q&A

11am : AGM

Morning Presentation :

1pm Afternoon Presentation :

Linux Work Shop

## Membership Report - Gary Woodforth

We had 13 members at the August meeting.

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# Treasurer's Report

**August 2025**

Opening Balance at 1/8/25	2047.86
Income	00.00
Total Income	00.00
	<b>00.00</b>
Expenses	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00
Month's	<b>0.00</b>
Balance at 31/8/25	<b>2047.86</b>

*Ross Skyring*

## President's Report for 2025-2026

Brisbug PC User Club

President report for 2025

Our year has once again been a mix of problem solving and learning new things. Windows continues to be the main stay and has it issues with the end of windows 10 in October.

I have again enjoyed the year with you all and getting to grips with the alternative using Linux. Fred Stratford has been the power behind this with extensive notes and presentations as we consider if that change is for us. Even if not making the change it is offering us an alternative and extending our knowledge.

We will continue with the Linux workshop to get hands on with the using Linux and some of the many apps (all free) that extends our use of the alternate platform.

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. 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 taken on the linux, providing a presentation on various aspects and making his notes available to members.

We have had strong attendance at meetings and interaction that has provided us with a pleasant group.

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

Kind Regards

Keith



## Q&A – August Meeting

### Can't open old archived e-mails

We need more information:-

E-mail client

Age of mails

How stored, format etc.

Regular Bill finished up in the Junk Mail Folder.

Fortunately, alerted by the upcoming payment SMS.

Somewhere in the great wide web there was something in the file which indicated to a vigilant security program that this was, probably, spam, a scam or similar.

### Data Backup Trap.

Backup the Mozilla Firefox and Thunderbird Profiles which, by default, are stored on the "C" Drive.

(e.g.)

C:\Users\YeCat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\el85anmm.default

(e.g.)

C:\Users\YeCat\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Thunderbird\Profiles\nqn6k2mf.default

This can be accessed with MenuBar > Help > Troubleshooting Information > Profile Folder > Open Folder.

### MS Office alternative WPS Office

[OFFICIAL] WPS Office-Free Office Download for PC & Mobile, AI-Powered ...

WPS Office is an AI-Powered Office suite, highly compatible with Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PPT and PDF. Can be downloaded online and free trial for Windows, Mac, iOS, Android and Linux.

WPS Office is an office suite for Microsoft Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android, Fire OS and HarmonyOS developed by the Chinese company Kingsoft Office Software. It comes pre-installed on Amazon Fire tablets. WPS Office is

made up of WPS Writer, WPS Slides (Presentation), and WPS Sheets. In 2022, WPS Office had over 494 million monthly active users and over 1.2 billion installations. The personal basic version is free to use, however a subscription is required to use all features.

<https://www.wps.com>

As this is a program from China it may be wise to run it in a Sandbox.

<https://sandboxie.en.softonic.com>

Libre Office and MS Office Fonts

Fonts are one of the main culprits of LibreOffice interoperability problems with Microsoft Office documents, when viewed from the end user's point of view.

<https://blog.documentfoundation.org/blog/2020/09/08/libreoffice-tt-replacing-microsoft-fonts>

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

### Gleanings from e-newsletters and other sources.

#### Reviews

#### The Best Password Managers for 2025

By Kim Key Mar 27, 2025

Stop using the same login credentials everywhere! The best password managers create a unique and strong password for each of your online accounts and alert you to potential data leaks.

<https://au.pcmag.com/password-managers/4524/the-best-password-managers>

#### The Best Free Password Managers for 2025

By Kim Key Mar 27, 2025

Use one of the best free password managers we've tested to help you create and manage strong, unique passwords for every secure site.

<https://au.pcmag.com/password-managers/27971/the-best-free-password-managers>

## **FAT32 vs. ExFAT vs. NTFS: Which Format Is Best for Your Storage Drive?**

By John Bogna Aug 26, 2025

When you're reformatting a drive, memory card, or flash drive you need to pick a file format. If you see FAT32, exFAT, and NTFS, but don't know which one to pick, here's what you need to know.

<https://au.pcmag.com/storage/100861/fat32-vs-exfat-vs-ntfs-which-format-is-best-for-your-storage-drive>

### **New Releases**

#### **Adobe Acrobat Reader**

License: Freeware

File name: 25.001.20630

File Size: 1.56 MB (Web Installer)

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Adobe Inc.

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

#### **Avast Free Antivirus**

License: Freeware

File name: Avast\_Free\_Antivirus\_v25.8.10387 (Web Installer)

File Size: 0.24 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Avast Software s.r.o.

URL: <https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

#### **calibre (64bit)**

License: Free

File name: calibre\_(64bit)\_v8.9.msi [19 Apr, 2024]

File Size: 106.14

O/S: Windows

Publisher: ? Kovid Goyal

If you are using Windows 8, please use calibre 5.44, which works with all Windows 8 machines, from here. Simply un-install calibre and install 5.44, doing so will not affect your books/settings.

If you are using Windows 7 or Vista, please use calibre 3.48, which works with all Windows 7/Vista machines, from here. Simply un-install calibre and install 3.48, doing so will not affect your books/settings.

URL: [https://calibre-ebook.com/download\\_windows](https://calibre-ebook.com/download_windows)

#### **Foxit Reader**

License: Freeware

File Name: Glary\_Uilities\_v2025.2.0.33046.exe

File Size: 202.55 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Foxit Corporation

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

#### **Glary Utilities 6**

License: Freeware

Release Date:

File Name: Glary\_Uilities\_v 6.30.0.34 .exe

File Size: 27.02 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) 139.0.7258.155**

License: Free

File name: ChromeSetup.exe

File Size: 10.55 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Google

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

### **Inkscape (32bit)**

License: Freeware

File name: Inkscape\_(32bit)\_v 1.4.2 .msi

File Size: 143.09 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: inkscape.org

URL:

[https://www.filepuma.com/download/inkscape\\_32bit\\_0.92.4-21328/download](https://www.filepuma.com/download/inkscape_32bit_0.92.4-21328/download)

### **Irfanview (64bit)**

License: Freeware

File name: Irfanview(64bit)\_v 4.72 .msi

File Size: 4.25 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Irfan Skiijan

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

### **LibreOffice (64Bit)**

License: Freeware

File name: LibreOffice\_ 25.8.0\_Win\_x86.msi

File Size: 349 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: The Document Foundation

Comments: Contains the functions:-

Writer Document

Calc Spreadsheet

Imress Presentation

Draw Drawing

Math Formula

Base Database

URL:

[https://mirror.freedif.org/TDF/libreoffice/stable/6.2.0/win/x86/LibreOffice\\_24.84.4\\_Win\\_x86.msi](https://mirror.freedif.org/TDF/libreoffice/stable/6.2.0/win/x86/LibreOffice_24.84.4_Win_x86.msi)

### **NotePad++ (32bit)**

License: Freeware

File name: NotePad\_v8.8.5.exe

File Size: 6.56 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Notepad++

URL: <https://notepad-plus-plus.org>

### **Recuva**

License: Freeware

File name: 1.54.120

File Size: 25.25 MB

O/S: Windows

Publisher: Gen Digital Inc

### **VLC Media Player (64bit)**

License: Freeware

File name:

VLC\_Media\_Player\_(64bit)\_v3.0.21.exe

File Size: 42.86 MB

O/S: Windows XP SP3 to the last version of Windows 10.

Publisher: VideoLAN Project

URL:

<https://get.videolan.org/vlc/3.0.21/win64/vlc-3.0.7.1-win32.exe>

Want more? See the New Releases list:

<http://ct.com.com>

### **Tips etc.**

#### **Google to Block Sideloading of Apps From Unverified Developers**

By Jibin Joseph Aug 27, 2025

Google compares the move to an ID check at the airport, and says it's aimed at tackling harmful apps. It launches next year, but you can request early access now.

<https://au.pcmag.com/security/112768/google-to-block-sideloading-of-apps-from-unverified-developers>

#### **Google Is Tracking You. Change These 3 Settings Right Now to Take Back Control**

By Stephanie Mlot, Jason Cohen Aug 26, 2025

Google monitors your online activity, location, and ad preferences. Don't like it? These are the accounts settings I adjusted to reclaim my privacy.

<https://au.pcmag.com/security/47543/how-to-get-google-to-quit-tracking-your-location>

#### **Want to Stay on Windows 10? Do This Before Oct. 14**

By Jibin Joseph Aug 26, 2025

Microsoft's ESU program provides one year of security updates. Here's how to enroll.

<https://au.pcmag.com/migrated-15175-windows-10/112749/want-to-stay-on-windows-10-do-this-before-oct-14>

#### **Navigate Smarter: 25 Google Maps Hacks That'll Change the Way You Travel**

By Jordan Minor, Chandra Steele Aug 24, 2025

Google Maps isn't just for directions. Use these tips to find EV chargers, remember parking spots, hail cabs, and more.

<https://au.pcmag.com/gps-navigation/85108/25-google-maps-tricks-you-need-to-try>

#### **ChatGPT Is Everywhere, But What Can It Do and How Does It Work?**

By Ben Dickson Aug 22, 2025

We break down the basics of OpenAI's chatbot and explain how you can get started with AI.

<https://au.pcmag.com/ai/111453/what-is-chatgpt-everything-you-need-to-know-about-openai-popular-chatbot>

#### **Here's How to Quickly Pair Your New Bluetooth Headphones or Earbuds to Your Phone or Computer**

By Tim Gideon, Jason Cohen Aug 21, 2025

Whether you're new to the world of wireless audio or looking to pick up a few tricks, here's how to connect your Bluetooth headphones and earphones to your phone and other devices.

<https://au.pcmag.com/headphones/58229/how-to-pair-wireless-headphones-and-earphones-to-your-phone-or-computer>

I'm a Certified Calibrator and These 5 Pro Tips Instantly Make Any TV Look Better

By Will Greenwald Aug 20, 2025

If your TV has a distorted image, strange colors, or that annoying "soap opera effect," here are the quick fixes I recommend trying first.

<https://au.pcmag.com/tvs/50902/easy-fixes-for-common-tv-problems>

#### **Here Endeth John's Jots**



## APCUG ARTICLES

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### **The Artificial Intelligence Explosion, an ever changing topic**

By Jim Cerny, 1st Vice President (jimcerny123 (at) gmail.com) and Hewie Poplock, 2nd Vice President (hewiep (at) gmail.com) Sarasota Technology Users Group (<https://thestug.org/>)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a term we've all encountered, and its impact is already evident in various sectors such as business, education, entertainment, art, manufacturing, research, and health care. However, this is just the beginning. The • NightCafe (<https://creator.nightcafe.studio/>) . Create unique artworks in seconds using the power of Artificial Intelligence. Since AI is going to affect almost every area of life on this planet, how is AI going to affect you, and how are you going to handle it?

The STUG organization has some experienced AI users who will help guide STUG in helping our members understand and use AI. No matter what your life interest is, AI will affect it. You can start by asking Google or an AI website something like "How will AI affect art?" or "How will AI help with potential of AI to revolutionize our lives is immense, possibly surpassing the transformative effects of computers and electronics. Are you prepared for this future?"

Many people see the AI revolution as bringing huge benefits. If you have been using a search engine on the internet to get information you want or need, AI can do more by providing intelligent results to your searches. Try using the following free AI internet sites and seeing the results of your inquiries:

- ChatGPT (<https://chat.openai.com/>) - Chatbot from OpenAI that can have natural conversations and generate human-like text on various topics.
- DALL-E 2 (<https://openai.com/index/dall-e-2/>) - AI image generator from OpenAI that creates images from text descriptions.
- Hugging Face

Spaces (<https://huggingface.co/spaces>) - Platform to build, train, and deploy machine learning models, mainly focused on natural language processing.

- Perplexity (<https://www.perplexity.ai/>) The answer to any question.
- Anthropic Claude (<https://claude.ai/chat/>) - Conversational AI assistant trained to be helpful, harmless, and honest.
- Gemini (<https://gemini.google.com/>) is a conversational AI chatbot from Google. It is meant to function similarly to ChatGPT, with the biggest difference being that Google's service pulls its information from the web.
- Co-Pilot from Microsoft. An AI-powered digital assistant that aims to provide personalized assistance to users for a range of tasks and activities. Copilot is integrated with Microsoft Edge. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge/>
- Leonardo (<https://leonardo.ai>) is a generative AI platform that empowers users to effortlessly generate captivating images and artwork. my investments?" or "How do I use AI to create a photo?" Yes, AI already affects all areas of your life, even if you do not realize it. You can watch many videos to learn more about all aspects of AI. Creative AI can write stories, create works of art, and amaze us. Humans may review what AI has created, "touch it up," or add pieces later. As an example, AI is already affecting those who make their living writing by doing most of the work. AI technology impacts many industries, transforming how they operate and interact with customers and employees. Here are some sectors that are being heavily affected by AI: • Marketing: AI can predict what customers might want to buy. It helps companies show customers suitable ads.
- Retail: AI helps keep track of inventory and can recommend products that each customer might like. Some stores even have robot helpers that can answer customer questions.
- Insurance: AI can quickly process claims and detect fraud to help the company run smoothly.

- **Banking/Finance:** Banks use AI chatbots and virtual assistants to make banking more accessible for customers. AI also watches for fake charges on your account.
- **Education:** AI tutors can adapt to each student and help them learn at their own pace. It can grade papers and free up time for teachers.
- **Healthcare:** AI is making significant advancements in healthcare, from diagnosing diseases and analyzing medical images to drug discovery and personalized medicine. It has the potential to improve patient outcomes and streamline healthcare processes. (Continued on next page) Volume 42, Number 7 Page 6 AI (Continued from previous page)
- **Manufacturing:** AI is integrated into manufacturing processes to optimize production, improve quality control, and enable predictive maintenance. It is revolutionizing the way products are designed, produced, and delivered. These are just a few examples of industries that AI is heavily impacting. However, it's important to note that AI is a rapidly evolving field, and its impact is not limited to these industries alone. AI can potentially disrupt and transform other sectors, such as transportation, agriculture, energy, etc. There are also downsides to AI. Many jobs will be affected, and people must adapt to different situations. For example, when steam trains went to diesel, firemen were no longer needed—and now there are no train cabooses either! Perhaps a good AI concept summary example could be in the area of law. An AI "lawyer" would have all the knowledge of previous similar court cases and create a perfect prosecution or defensive argument. The judge and jury would have to make the decision. But what if AI makes the decision itself? Would that not be better than any human judge? Can you imagine more of what AI will do? It staggers my human intelligence!

### **Recover Your Wi-Fi Password**

David Kretchmar, Hardware Technician  
Sun City Summerlin Computer Club  
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dkretch (at) gmail.com

Computer users often seek technical support when they cannot access the Internet via their home wireless system.

First, the technician will usually walk the user through the reset procedure for the router or router/modem (turn them off and on). If that does not fix the problem and it is determined the modem is receiving a good signal, the subsequent conversation often goes something like this:

**Technician:** What is your password for your router?

**User:** I don't have a password.

**Technician:** If your router is not secured (i.e., password protected), you should be able to connect.

**User:** I don't have a password. I click the Google (or other browser) icon and get online.

At this point, the Technician explains to the User that the password is stored on the User's computer and that a few steps are required to access that password. The technician might guide the user through the process of recovering the password using the following procedure:

### ***If the computer connects to the Wi-Fi, it automatically.***

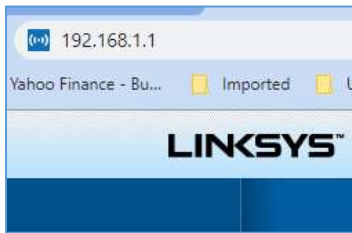
Microsoft has buried the Wi-Fi password on a computer more deeply with the latest version of Windows 10 and 11 than with prior versions. It is the same procedure for both 10 and 11. You can still find your Wi-Fi password using the following steps (note ... where I use the term "click," I mean a single click on the left mouse button or a single tap on a touchscreen.):

### ***Find your way to the "Wireless Properties."***

Open your Control Panel (Type "Control Panel" into the search box to the right of the Windows button on your Taskbar and Enter). Click on Network and Internet. Click on Network and Sharing Center, then click on the name of your network, which appears in blue. In the Wi-Fi window that opens, click on Wireless Properties. In the new window that opens, click on the Security tab, then check the box on Show Characters.

***If you only own a smartphone/tablet or have a PC that has not stored the Wi-Fi password***

Log in to your router as an administrator. You can access your router by entering its IP address into your browser, such as Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge. You can research the default IP address of your router by Googling “IP address [brand name of your router].”



Every router I’ve dealt with had an address of “192.168.X.X”. The most common value for X is the number 1 (for both Xs). If that does not work, try substituting the numbers 0 or 2 for one or both of the Xs. After you log in, you should be able to find the Wi-Fi settings on the Administrative pages of your router. There, you can look up your password.

*Ed. Note. On Windows 10/11, you don’t have to guess. You can find the internal IP address of your network router by going to Settings > Network and Internet > Status and, under the name of your Wi-Fi (or Ethernet) connection, clicking Properties. A screen will display; near the bottom are the IP settings. The IPv4 gateway IP address is the internal address of your router.*

IP settings	
IP assignment:	Manual
IPv4 address:	192.168.1.211
IPv4 subnet prefix length:	24
IPv4 gateway:	192.168.1.1
IPv4 DNS servers:	192.168.1.1

***If you are like many people***

The Wi-Fi password is often written on a sticker on the back of your router. This is how I usually set up home routers, and it might be a good thing to do after you have recovered your Wi-Fi password.

This is a simple but effective strategy since it is easy to find.

A burglar would have to break into your home to steal your password, and they probably would focus on more tangible items.

# Minutes of Brisbug PC User Group Inc

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at

**Mitchelton Library, 37 Heliopolis Parade, Mitchelton QLD 4053**

**15 September 2024**

### 1. **President's Opening Remarks**

The President, Keith Catts opened the meeting at 11:45 pm, and welcomed all those present.

### 2. **Attendance**

Attendance was as per the attendance register, 11 members. A Quorum was present.

**Apologies:-** nil

### 3. **Minutes of the Previous meetings:**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023; 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 2023, as published in the Club's magazine in August & September 2024 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 2023-2024

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 with editing the magazine. Both these are valuable contact with members.

This year we explored the alternatives for Microsoft Windows namely Linux. 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 2023/2024.

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 H Mitcham:- Passed and carried.

The treasurers Report is repeated here.

#### ***Financial Statement for Brisbug PC User Group Inc.***

#### ***Financial year 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024***

#### ***Profit and Loss statement***

<b><i>INCOME</i></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<i>Member's renewal subs</i>	140.00	0.00	420.00
<i>New member's subscriptions</i>	30.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Raffle</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Canteen</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Interest</i>	0.11	0.12	0.12
<i>Equipment</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><i>Total Income</i></b>	<b>170.11</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>420.12</b>
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<b><i>EXPENSES</i></b>			
<i>Bankfees and charges</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00

<i>Canteen / Xmas</i>	77.75	40.12	26.50
<i>Subscriptions (APCUG)</i>	76.92	78.03	73.14
<i>Equipment</i>	328.42	57.45	120.00
<i>Dept of Fair Trading</i>	60.05	58.60	57.60
<i>Hire of hall</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Internet expenses</i>	15.95	139.86	0.00
<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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>559.09</b>	<b>374.06</b>	<b>277.24</b>
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>-388.98</b>	<b>373.94</b>	<b>142.88</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>			
<i>Opening balance</i>	2534.46	2908.40	2,765.52
<i>Net profit/loss</i>	-388.98	-373.94	142.88
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2145.48</b>	<b>2534.46</b>	<b>2,908.40</b>
<b>CASH ASSETS</b>			
<i>Westpac Solutions One account</i>	436.72	707.23	1,081.29
<i>Westpac Solutions Cash Reserve Account</i>	1827.29	1827.23	1827.11
	<b>2264.01</b>	<b>2534.46</b>	<b>2,908.40</b>
<b>NON CASH ASSETS</b>			
<i>Hardware</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Software</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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



**8. General Business**

Keith advised a request for the continued use of the library room had been submitted.

There will no change to the fee structure for the next year being \$10.00 for renewals and \$30.00 for new members.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

**9. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:15pm.**