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EDITORIAL

Seventeen new members this month, one mentor, one admin. Welcome everybody.

Thanks to the contributors this month; some fantastic photos from the DPG. Click/tap the photographer's name (bottom of photo) to open the original.

Email your non-Microsoft Word submissions to the Editor. Submissions maybe edited, or not published for space or policy reasons.

Links in News & Views are shown in red; this month's coronavirus articles below.

[Risk of developing Parkinson's disease](#)

[When It Comes to it, Most of Us Have Risk Exactly Backward](#)

[MIT's New Online Science Course About the Pandemic & SARS-CoV-2 Is Free & Open to the Public](#)

[Qld Govt. Testing and fever clinics](#)

[Australian Govt. Current situation and case numbers](#)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vale Hugh Wiseman

It is with sadness that I advise members of BSOL of the passing of Hugh Wiseman. On behalf of BSOL, I extend my sympathies to Hugh's family, and wish them all the best at this sad time.

The major happening in the near future is the Annual General Meeting of the Association that is planned for the 22nd October. This year the meeting will be held via Zoom to ensure that risks to members from Coronavirus are removed. Details of the meeting have been sent to all members either by email or post. The email contains a link for members to register their intention to attend. **The link also included all the necessary documents** for the meeting; financial reports, last years minutes, etc. I hope that you will take the opportunity to join the committee on this day.

The committee continues to be active despite the fact that it is somewhat restricted due to coronavirus. Dick Bennett has been busy identifying the best places to advertise given that many of our usual areas of advertising have been shut down, more than likely to never start again. Those that are left are more expensive and Dick has been working to try and get funding from various bodies to defray some of the costs. He has had some success and is to be congratulated for his efforts.

This will be my last report as President. Some health issues have forced me to step aside and attack them head on. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee who have helped and guided me in my first year as a member of BSOL. Thank you also to others I have met along the way, and those whom have been there to provide assistance. I am not leaving the organisation, just taking a step back.

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LINUX INTEREST GROUP

September Zoom meeting.

There were only seven participants who logged in, but the discussions were varied, mostly on topic and included...

- Building a Linux home server on a Mac mini.
- Security in general and with the BSOL Nextcloud server in particular.
- A member who is new to Linux wanted an explanation of the Linux environment.
- More learners have migrated from Windows7 to Linux and are happy.
- Dell now sell laptops with Ubuntu or Fedora operating systems as an option.
- A discussion on Wayland, the display server protocol designed to replace X11.
- Mal gave a demonstration of his home assistant software that integrates into his a/c system, and how it can control other components remotely in a suitably equipped home.

Any BSOL member who is a Linux user or would like more information on this operating system are most welcome to join the group. the group meets on the first Friday of each month. Register your interest by emailing the BSOL Linux Interest Group to be added to the mailing list so that you can be advised of the login details of the group's Zoom meetings.

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

September saw yet another cancelled excursion for the Digital Photography Group, as the infection numbers bounced up at an inconvenient time (when is it anything else?), we decided that roaming around the churches of the inner city might not be the best idea for a bunch of seniors.

Instead we got busy as individuals trying to capture silhouettes. You can see our best efforts here in the October newsletter. Thanks to David Petchell for being our judge this month.

One way or another we are keeping on keeping on. Now the outlook is brighter we're planning to descend on the newly reopened **Fish Lane** in October. Here's hoping!

Incidentally I've just been introduced to the **Snapseed** photo editing app. Magic! It's a free download, very easy to use and lots of fun. Well worth exploring.

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PUBLICITY REPORT

Once again, Brisbane Seniors Online have been very fortunate to secure additional grants for advertising across Brisbane despite significant budgetary constraints within the Brisbane City Council and the Lord Mayor's Community Fund. Thank you to Cr Adam Allan (Northgate), Cr Peter Cumming (Wynnum Manly), and Cr Greg Adermann (Pullenvale) for their generous financial support. BSOL members keep an eye out for the stories and advertisements I have submitted in local publications across Brisbane, on Facebook, and digital media.



Pictured are Publicity Officer Dick Bennett and Cr Adam Allan

Ten publications to look out for in October and November are *The Senior*, *The Sandgate* and *Chermside Guides*, *The Everton Echo*, *The Hills Echo*, *Redland City Bulletin*, *Redlands Seniors Lifestyle Magazine*, *Your Time*, *Loving Nundah*, and *The Local Bulletin*. With the demise of the free local community newspapers, I have needed to utilise local magazines and publications that are still in print and distributed across the BSOL coverage area.



BSOL presentation for members of Chermside Forum

Also listen out for the 50 free community service announcements that will go to air on 4BC before, during, and after the *Be Connected - Get Online Week (19-25 October)*. They will be aired over a period of about three weeks.

The new multifunction printer significantly funded from a grant from Cr Jonathan Sri (The Gabba) has been purchased, delivered, and installed.

I undertook a presentation to the *Chermside Forum*, a public speaking group, at the *Geebung RSL* on Thursday 24th September. 11 members and one guest were in attendance (see photo).

I have a booking to do a presentation to *Wynnum Manly Probus* Thursday 5th November at *Wynnum Bowls Club*. It is anticipated that 50 to 70 members will be in attendance.

I am listed with *Probus South Pacific* register as an available approved guest speaker and have been contacted to speak to Probus groups through this, as well as by word of mouth and recommendations. Again, I am happy to speak to community groups across the BSOL coverage area and there is no cost involved.

The annual *ASCCA conference* is being held this year using Zoom Tuesday 10th November, 9am to 4:30pm. The theme is *Living Your Best Online Life*. Anyone interested in participating can *register online*; there is a fee of \$15 to participate. The full conference program can be accessed through the main *ASCCA* website.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Management Committee met via Zoom on Tuesday 15th September with six members present. Mal Gamble attended as a guest to advise on various technical issues in the absence of Ron Horst.

The Treasurer reported that the annual audit has been approved and that revenue was slightly ahead of budget although we still remain short of our year to date budget.

On the IT front there has been much activity with NBN options being investigated along with such things as old telephone numbers being disconnected etc.

The new MIS database project is now finalised and the committee would like to thank both Ron Horst and Gary Alcorn for their huge input into the success of this endeavour.

Membership stands at 613 which is a considerable downturn in numbers due to the catchup in auto-detachments over a number of months.

Hub Coordinator Kevin Brown reported that some new mentors have been recruited through the Facebook page which, since its reinvention under Steve Dixon, has proven to be a source of some worth.

Dick Bennett has been very busy as usual on our behalf in the publicity sphere and this has proven to be quite successful; we now have a new multifunction printer installed at the office thanks to a successful grant from Cr Sri (The Gabba).

Dick is looking at Channel 7 airtime in their Community News segment which normally follows the 6 pm News.

We would like to also welcome Kerrie Orr who has joined the Office and will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The committee has been busy with arrangements for the AGM which will be held 1:30pm Thursday 22nd October. All relevant documents have been posted on the web site so if you wish to attend, nominate, or put forward a question etc. please visit the web site and be active in your organisation. Any queries can be directed to either **myself** or the **president**.

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MENTOR SUPPORT GROUP

Ten members joined host Brian online for the monthly mentor technical discussions on topics ranging far and wide which included the following.

Web browsers in general which included a tip to clear the cache regularly to ensure that information that you are looking at is up to date.

Emails originating from the new BSOL MIS – some members not receiving them. It has subsequently been traced to a bug in that system which has been reported back to the developers. The point was made that members should ensure that any changes to their email addresses are conveyed to their Hub Coordinator so that their record is updated to reflect the change.

How to download pics from an iPhone or iPad to a Microsoft Windows environment. While there are utilities available to achieve this, the latest version update to Windows 10 (2004) supports the download in the included Photos app.

Member access to the [ASCCA](#) now that BSOL has renewed its membership. The site includes senior orientated online lessons along with other relevant computer information but access to site requires a password which may be obtained from the BSOL publicity officer or your Hub Coordinator.

A couple of anti-virus topics: any third party product will automatically deactivate Defender in Windows 10; what to do with a learner using Windows 8.1 and an out of date version of Kaspersky.

Finally, how to set file associations in MacOS was queried.

Any mentor who would like to join the online discussion on the third Tuesday next month can contact the meeting host [Brian](#). The [September meeting can be viewed here](#).

GARY ALCORN

PLANNING YOUR DIGITAL LEGACY

(PART 2: DIGITAL ASSETS)

Digital Assets is a relatively new term which might be unfamiliar to many, but in brief, your Digital Assets might include:

- Usernames and Passwords (the subject of Part 1 in the [September edition of News & Views](#))
- Email, unlikely to have any monetary value
- Electronic documents (PDFs, spreadsheets, word processing, text, etc)
- Photos, likely to be of only sentimental value
- Purchased computer software, including mobile phone/tablet apps
- Purchased movies, tv shows, and music
- Subscriptions that have been paid for in advance

Email and Documents: There is a tendency to accumulate electronic copies of correspondence and documents because they don't take up physical space, unlike when space was limited by how many draws were in a filing cabinet.

Every couple of years effort was put in to thin out the paperwork. Email and documents on your computer are the same, cull them; there will be several documents that are important; copies of product warranties, lease agreements, building contracts that might be still under the builder's warranty period, your last five years of tax records etc. A good practice is to flag email, or create a special folder and give it a meaningful name, eg Important.

Photos: In the [August issue of News & Views](#), Mike Timms included a great article on managing your Virtual Shoe Box of physical and digital photos, so I will encourage you to have another look at that article.

Software / Apps: probably the most common software is Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook), but other might be photo management/editing, illustration, database, or games.

For many years now Microsoft have had a couple of licensing options; you can [pay a couple of hundred dollars to own a license of Office](#), or [a lot less for a 12 month subscription](#).

Have you ever actually read the full User Licence Agreement where you ticked the box or read the Terms and Conditions of your software purchase?

The Microsoft Personal and Non-Commercial Use Limitation states:

"Unless otherwise specified, the Services are for your personal and non-commercial use. You may not modify, copy, distribute, transmit, display, perform, reproduce, publish, license, create derivative works from, transfer, or sell any information, software, products or services obtained from the Services."

You will find similar words limit your right to transfer the purchase of any software that you think you own, to another person. You are not actually purchasing the application, you are purchasing a right to use it. In paying outright for Office, I purchased an right to use a particular version of the apps indefinitely. If I paid for an annual subscription, I would have a right to use the software for the subscription period.

You may have kept the original installation CD and even kept the Product Key, but to pass this on to others, they would most likely need the username and password used when the software was first installed, and continuing to use the username and password of a deceased person has other security, legal, and practical issues. While you may feel that the purchased software has some value, it has no value to a third party and it should be deleted or otherwise destroyed.

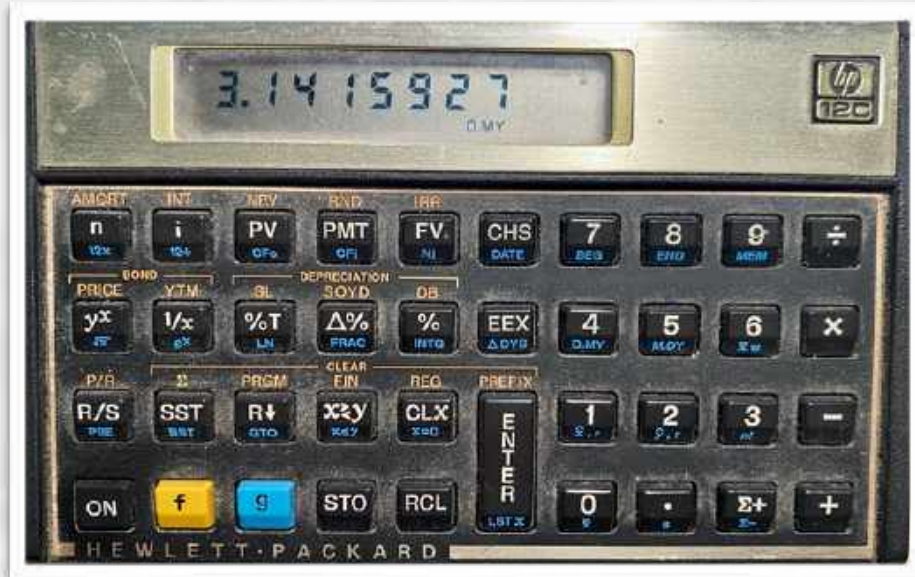
Mobile Apps: If you are like me, most of your mobile apps are probably free, and even those you may have purchased likely cost only a few dollars; they aren't likely to be of monetary concern. However, many mobile apps are free with in-app subscription, which like all other software subscriptions, aren't transferable.

Through my University and professional career, I was a true believer of an HP Scientific or Financial RPN (Reverse Polish Notation) calculator. I still have, and still use weekly, my physical HP12c; it cost an astonishing \$200+ in 1981.

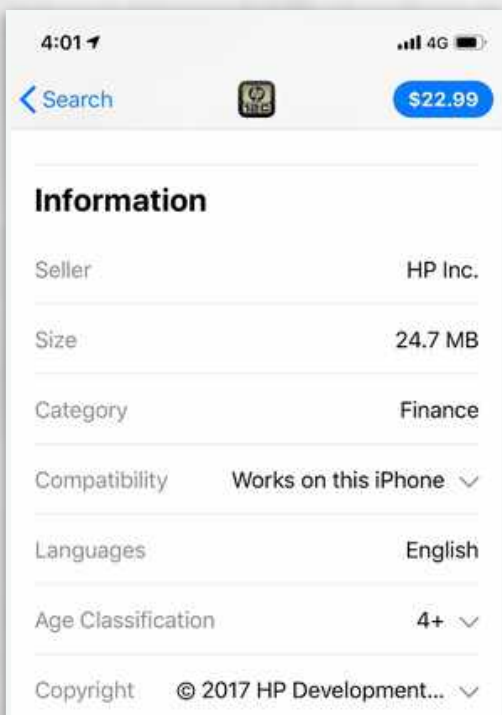
I recently paid \$22.99 for the **HP12c app** for my iPhone, and the size, presentation, and operation is near identical to the physical calculator. Trivia; the HP12 Calculator is the worlds longest running model of an electronic device, and is still recognised as the industry standard for financial or scientific hand held calculations.

Can my decedents continue to use any of the apps on my phone, tablet, or computer? Maybe.

My 40 year old HP12c



HP12c Platinum app

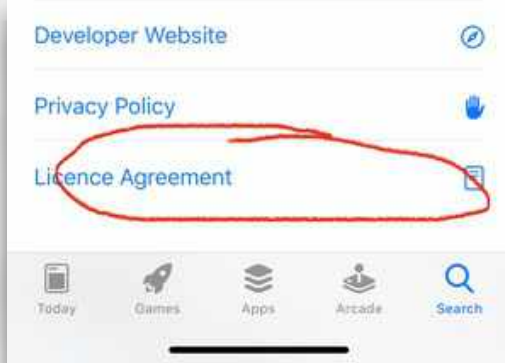


Open the App Store and locate the app. Scroll to the Licence Agreement section. Like me, you have probably never read this, but for the HP12c app, Section 4 of the HP End User Licence Agreement, states:

"The initial user of the Software Product may make a one-time transfer of the Software Product to another end user."

I have absolutely no idea how to exercise my right to transfer the right of use of this app on to another user; that is a question for another day?

Movies, Tv Shows, and Music: In the old days you likely had a garage sale where you put all your parent's old VHS tapes, DVDs, and CDs on a table for a couple of dollars each. If you ever looked closely at the fine print on the packaging, it was possibly illegal to



sell such physical things as all rights remained with the original artist and you had "no rights to re-distribute". The good news is that no one ever went to jail for reselling an old copy of Titanic. Half of my music CD collection comes from questionably illegal purchases at garage sales.

Similar to software applications you purchased or subscribed too, movies, tv shows, and music obtained digitally, ie downloaded from an online service, only gives you a right to consume the media; you have no right to pass that right on to others.

All video and music web sites have words similar to this one from Apple:

"All text, graphics, user interfaces, visual interfaces, photographs, trademarks, logos, sounds, music, artwork and computer code (collectively, "Content"), including but not limited to the design, structure, selection, coordination, expression, "look and feel" and arrangement of such Content, contained on the Site is owned, controlled or licensed by or to Apple"

And/Or

"You may not (i) transfer, copy or display the Digital Content"

Next month we will look at digitally recording some of your physical assets.

STEVE DIXON



Helen Gibbs



OCTOBER BRAINTEASER

A few people have commented that they find the monthly Brain Teasers to be too challenging so here's an easy one which requires just a little bit of thought.

Which one of the following does not belong with the others, and why?

Binoculars, eyeglasses, goggles, handlebars, jeans, pliers, scissors, shoes, tweezers.

Email your answers to my address below.

Last month's puzzle aroused a bit of interest. I asked you to transition from a block and tackle back to the same starting point in 12 steps. Clues were given along the way, and you had to change only one letter at a time. The best answer is:

1. pulley, 2. pulleT, 3. Cullet, 4. Bullet, 5. billet, 6. bAllet, 7. Wallet, 8. walleD, 9. Called, 10. cUlled, 11. Pulled, 12. pulley

There were a few variations in the answers, all of which I accepted even though there is some controversy as to whether **fullet** is a word. Congratulations to Gary Alcorn, Ethna Brown, and Les Webb.

Regards

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TECHNO TIDBITS

Microsoft cutting support for Office 2010 and Office 2016

Microsoft is releasing a non-subscription Office suite in 2021

iPad's Handwriting Recognition Shows How Apple Does Machine Learning

Amazon's fall hardware event: the 13 biggest announcements

Backflip to the home: NBN to upgrade FttN areas with fibre

Tip from kid helps detect iOS and Android scam apps' 2.4 million downloads

USB-C Was Supposed to Simplify Our Lives. Instead, It's a Total Mess.

When you browse Instagram and find former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott's passport number

6 Most Popular Tech Companies Stock ROI Soars 352% in 5 Years

217 New Emojis In Final List For 2021

Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020.

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iPhone Photography and Video for DUMMIES

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iPhone 4S All-In-One for DUMMIES

The iPhone Book 5th Edition

Android Tablets for DUMMIES

Windows 10 For Seniors for DUMMIES



Margaret Dewilde

Apple GROUP

Despite the Qld Govt. allowing us now to have up to thirty people in our home, organisations have to conform to different rules. BSOL needs to ensure a two-square metre distancing rule for all people in the office. There isn't enough space for the usual number of Apple Group attendees, hence the hiatus continues.

Lots of news this month with Apple announcing the new iPad 8, iPad Air 4, Watch 6, and Watch SE at their Time Flies event. iOS 14, iPadOS 14, tvOS 14, and watchOS 7 were also released, and new services Apple One and Apple Fitness+ introduced. Other items of news:

Nine new Apple TV features in tvOS 14

iOS 14's Back Tap Feature Provides Interaction Shortcuts

iPadOS 14: Introducing Scribble

Watch 6 - It Already Does That

Safari 14 for 10.15 Catalina and 10.14 Mojave

How to Use Widgets on iOS 14: The Ultimate Guide to Widgets on Your iPhone & iPad Home Screens

iOS 14: Guides, tips, tricks

Curated Hardware Comparison Table - Apple Watch Series 1 thru 6 (via SE)

LG releases Apple TV app for 2018 OLED smart TVs

Chrome Has Owned the Web for Years. The Next Version of macOS Could Change That

Apple updates its Support app with Wallet support for Genius Bar appointments

Seven ways iOS 14 will help protect your privacy

Use private Wi-Fi addresses in iOS 14, iPadOS 14, and watchOS 7

How to Change Your Default Email and Web Clients in iOS 14 and iPadOS 14

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you think you could help us (or know of someone who could), ring or email the office, or visit the website.

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