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## **What's On**

**Meetings of SCCC Club at Caloundra and Buderim Cancelled**

The SCCC Committee has decided that all meetings of the Club at Caloundra and Buderim are to be cancelled immediately. There will be no meetings at Buderim or Caloundra until further notice.

**Forum Area on SCCC Website**

From President Peter Daley,

The Club will continue to send out the Club Bulletins to keep members to update on new services as they become available.

The Club has set up a new Forum at the Club web site.

You will need to login to the Club Members Area with your user name and password. This is the user name and password you were given after you registered to access the Club web site Members Area some time ago. The registration for the Web site has not been necessary for some time now. NOTE: If you try to login and are not using a correct user name and password, or have not registered, you will be locked out for 24 hours. You have five attempts to login correctly.

If you already have registered and are using the correct user name and password, you will be able to login here. Bookmark this link.

<https://sccc.org.au/wp-login.php>

If you have never registered to access the Club Members Area, you will need to register though the link below.

NOTE: The approval process can take within 24 - 72 hrs so your membership can be checked as being current.

<https://sccc.org.au/wp-login.php?action=register>

Once you have logged in click the link below go to the forum topics list to read or leave a post. Bookmark this link.

[https://sccc.org.au/SCCC\\_Forum/forum/members-support-forum](https://sccc.org.au/SCCC_Forum/forum/members-support-forum)

Here are some forum topics we have set up so far, Smart Phones, Tablets, Laptops, plus Linux, Windows and Apple software.

If you have queries or need an issue resolved please leave your comments in the forum.

Because there are large numbers of people now working from home, there may be times when the Internet becomes very slow, or may go down for a while. Under these circumstances it may be wise to have a transistor radio on hand so you can find out what is happening.

If you are having difficulty registering or logging in send an email here.

[alertregister@sccc.org.au](mailto:alertregister@sccc.org.au)

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### **Raffle Commenced on Sat 14 Mar 20 to be Drawn at Buderim on Thu 9 Apr 20**

This raffle commenced at Caloundra on Sat 14 Mar 20 where a number of tickets were sold. The draw date was to be 9 Apr 20. This date will be amended following recommencement of meetings and will be notified in a future Weekly Bulletins.

### **National Press Club Address Coronavirus Panel Discussion**

(<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/national-press-club-address/series/0/video/NC2011C008S00>)

A panel of eminent public health experts discussed Coronavirus at the National Press Club on 18 Mar 20. The panel featured the Director of Epidemiology at Doherty Institute Prof Jodie McVernon (infectious disease preparedness), Associate Prof Kamalini Lokuge (National Centre of Epidemiology and Population Health at Austrian National University) Associate Prof Vanessa Johnston (acting director of disease control at ACT Health).

Australia has experts including these three whose work includes research on health from the Australian perspective and advisers to the Government on these matters.

This episode is available for viewing at the above website until 1.30pm on 17 Apr 20.

## **Gadget Guy Newsletter Reviews and News From Gadget Guy Newsletter of 21 Mar 20**

### **1. Kindle (10th Gen) ebook Reader**

Written by Thomas Bartlett 9 Mar 20

[\(https://www.gadgetguy.com.au/product/kindle-10th-gen-ebook-reader/\)](https://www.gadgetguy.com.au/product/kindle-10th-gen-ebook-reader/)

Okay, we've already reviewed the best of the Wi-Fi Kindles, the current Kindle Oasis. But what if you don't have \$399 (or \$449) to spend on it? So let's look at the entry level Kindle. This, it turns out, is the tenth generation of said Kindle.

What the Kindle does

Priced at \$139 from Amazon (where else?), it is similar in most ways to the Oasis. But it has a smaller, lower-resolution screen, much less storage and it isn't waterproof. I've covered the Kindle Eco-system and the ways you load up your Kindle with books in the earlier review.

In short, though, the Kindle is a great way to read books ... so long as they don't require colour, since all Kindles have grey-scale screens, not colour. You can get books by buying them from Amazon (some are free), which are in a special Kindle file format. But you can also load it with, and read, text files, PDF, MOBI (unless they're locked) and PRC files. You can also convert HTML, Word documents and several graphic formats to load. If you buy something from Amazon, it automatically loads onto the Kindle when it's connected to Wi-Fi (2.4GHz only). But you also get a special Kindle email address so that you can send any of those other documents to it (via Amazon). Those files that need conversion are automatically converted along the way. You can also load in stuff via USB. There is no cellular version of this model. Read the full article at the above website.

### **2. Air Purifiers Do Not Kill COVID-19**

Written by Ray Shaw 15 Mar 20

([https://www.gadgetguy.com.au/air-purifiers-do-not-kill-covid-19/?utm\\_source=Gadget+Grapevine&utm\\_campaign=b113050b0d-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_03\\_18\\_11\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_b3f5e74097-b113050b0d-12698693](https://www.gadgetguy.com.au/air-purifiers-do-not-kill-covid-19/?utm_source=Gadget+Grapevine&utm_campaign=b113050b0d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_18_11_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b3f5e74097-b113050b0d-12698693))

Sorry, do not believe the hype. Consumer air purifiers do not kill COVID-19 – NO, NADA, NIX, NYET!

And that is because the typical HEPA and Activated Carbon filters remove dust particles and noxious gases – not zap a virus. In fact, the virus can live quite comfortably in the filter! We repeat – consumer air purifiers do not kill COVID-19.

Please understand that GadgetGuy has no scientific training. We are relying on third-party research and statements from the US Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to cut through the hype that has led to panic buying of products that do kill the virus.

The full article may be read at the above website.

### **3. A Little Advice on Price – Buy Tech Now**

Written by Ray Shaw 14 Mar 20

([https://www.gadgetguy.com.au/a-little-advice-on-price-buy-tech-now/?utm\\_source=Gadget+Grapevine&utm\\_campaign=b113050b0d-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_03\\_18\\_11\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_b3f5e74097-b113050b0d-12698693](https://www.gadgetguy.com.au/a-little-advice-on-price-buy-tech-now/?utm_source=Gadget+Grapevine&utm_campaign=b113050b0d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_18_11_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b3f5e74097-b113050b0d-12698693))

I want to give you a little advice on price. My strongest recommendation is to buy tech now. Supply, not price, is your greatest concern. So, if it is on the shop floor, by all means, haggle, but buy tech now.

There are a few factors to us giving a little advice on price – Coronavirus, failing Aussie dollar, failing Aussie bricks and mortar stores and the impending recession.

Let's quickly look at some impacts and why we have issued a little advice on price – buy tech now.

The article at the above website goes into various reasons for the writer giving this advice.

### **Closure of Goodlife Centre With Effect From Fri 20 Mar 20**

In consideration of the situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Goodlife is closing as from Fri 20 Mar 20. Here is a link which may help you understand why Goodlife made this decision -

<https://youtu.be/-7pNiqMxL2w>

## Stay Smart Online Alert

### COVID-19 scam messages targeting Australians - Priority Level - High - 16 Mar 20

(<https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service/covid-19-scam-messages-targeting-australians>)

What's happened?

ASD's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) is aware of a COVID-19 themed scam being distributed via text message.

We understand the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)'s Scamwatch has received multiple reports of COVID-19 themed scam texts being sent to members of the public.

The text messages appear to come from 'GOV' as the sender and they include a link to find out when to 'get tested in your geographical area' for COVID-19.

The link in these text messages is not legitimate, and if clicked on, may install malicious software on your device, designed to steal your banking details.

Example of fake COVID-19 message at the above website.

How do I stay safe?

If you receive one of these messages, delete the message and do not click the link.

Messages that pretend to be government and other trusted organisations are known as phishing (<https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/protect-yourself/recover-when-things-go-wrong/phishing>) scams. They often contain a link to a fake website, where you are encouraged to enter confidential details.

To protect yourself from phishing:

Don't click on links in emails or messages, or open attachments, from people or organisations you don't know.

Before you click a link, hover over that link to see the actual web address it will take you to (usually shown at the bottom of the browser window). If you do not recognise or trust the address, try searching for relevant key terms in a web browser. This way you can find the article, video or web page without directly clicking on the suspicious link.

If you're not sure, talk through the suspicious message with a friend or family member, or check its legitimacy by contacting the relevant business or organisation (using contact details sourced from the official company website).

If you've received one of these messages and you've clicked on the link, or you're concerned your personal details have been compromised, contact your financial institution immediately.

If you've suffered financial loss from cybercrime, report it to ReportCyber at [www.cyber.gov.au/report](http://www.cyber.gov.au/report)

More advice and support on our Get help page.  
(<https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/get-help>)

More information

Stay Smart Online has more advice on protecting your mobiles and tablets.  
(<https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/protect-yourself/protect-your-stuff/mobiles-and-tablets>)

To stay up to date on the latest online threats and how to respond, sign up to the Stay Smart Online Alert Service, [www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service) .

## **Scamwatch Radar Alert Issued 20 Mar 20**

### **Warning on COVID-19 Scams**

(<https://mailchi.mp/accc.gov.au/scamwatch-radar-alertwarning-on-covid-19-scams?e=9946c11d39>)

Australians should be aware scammers are adapting existing technology to play on people's fears around coronavirus and selling products claiming to prevent or cure the virus.

Since 1 January 2020, the ACCC's Scamwatch has received 94 reports of scams about coronavirus, but warns figures are starting to climb.

Scamwatch has received multiple reports of phishing scams sent via email or text message that claim to be providing official information on coronavirus but are attempts to try and obtain personal data.

"Unfortunately, scammers are using the uncertainty around COVID-19, or coronavirus, to take advantage of people," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

Other scams include people receiving misinformation about cures for coronavirus and investment scams claiming coronavirus has created opportunities to make money.

We've had a wide variety of scams reported to us, including fake online stores selling products claiming to be a vaccine or cure for coronavirus, and stores selling products such as face masks and not providing the goods."

"There is no known vaccine or cure for coronavirus and a vaccine isn't expected to be available for 18 months. Do not buy any products that claim to prevent or cure you of COVID-19. They simply don't exist."

"Scammers are impersonating official organisations such as the World Health Organization and the Department of Health or legitimate businesses such as travel agents and telecommunications companies," Ms Rickard said.

"Understandably, people want information on the pandemic, but they should be wary

of emails or text messages claiming to be from experts. For the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus, visit the Department of Health (<https://www.health.gov.au/>) and the World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>) websites directly.”

If you think you have been scammed, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

More information on coronavirus scams is available on the Scamwatch website (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news/covid-19-coronavirus-scams>) , including how to make a report (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>) and where to get help (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help>).

### **Did You Know?**

From Peter Dodwell

Lake Victoria, located at the intersection of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania, is so l

### **Recycling of Batteries and Ink Cartridges During Club Closure**

Please keep your used batteries and ink cartridges for recycling until the Club resumes meetings. Thank you. JL.

### **Recycling of Batteries and Ink Cartridges**

Upwards of 375 million ink cartridges yearly find their way in landfills worldwide. That totals out to more than a million cartridges daily or 11 every second of the day from sun-up to sundown. A good amount of this waste is completely unnecessary. Printer ink cartridges are built to be easily reused and taking a couple extra steps can help minimize waste, shrink your carbon footprint, and help boost your bottom line. Why throw away your empty ink cartridges when you can recycle them Recycling used printer cartridges helps you not only minimize waste, but contributes valuable components to be reused and refilled for re manufactured cartridges.

### **Bits'N'Bytes - Club Monthly Magazine**

An on line Library of the Club's Bits'N'Bytes magazines can now be accessed from the link below. There is now no need to be registered for the Members Area of the Website to view past issues of Bits'N'Bytes - Just enter the link below to open and then download or read any issue from Feb 2010 to the current issue.

<https://sccc.org.au/bnb/>

Help Sites for Members

- IT Knowledge Base for Seniors (Bill's Web Page) – <http://www.billscomputerpot.com>
- MacMost Newsletter - <http://macmost.com/video-list>
- Mac Help for Mom -
- [http://www.machelpformom.com/?awt\\_l=7A7lk&awt\\_m=3ZOrNUFBHi6qGjB](http://www.machelpformom.com/?awt_l=7A7lk&awt_m=3ZOrNUFBHi6qGjB)
- IT Tuition – Rodney Border's Web Page - <http://www.webjewel.com.au>
- iPaddlers Website – Rodney Border - <https://ipaddlers.com.au/>

### **Weekly Bulletin on Club Website**

The Weekly Bulletin is posted to the Club Website (<https://www.sccc.org.au>) under the Club Events Calendar. To use the calendar, at the top of the page click on - 'Click here to see latest events'

### **Club Web Site**

<https://www.sccc.org.au>

### **SCCC Club Rules -**

<https://sccc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/SCCC-CLUB-RULES.pdf>

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