

# Avalon Computer PALS for Seniors

## President's Report 2010

Thanks to all the efforts of club members and trainers we have had a very successful year. We have raised our profile at Market Days at Avalon, Newport and Mona Vale, while an open day held at the club in early 2010 resulted in a long queue of people wishing to sign up for training.

We have 18 active trainers conducting training Monday to Friday mornings and Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. We have a small waiting list of students and should have no problem filling all available places over the balance of calendar 2010. Thanks to the assistance of Computer Pals at Narrabeen we are now conducting Apple Mac training on 3 mornings of the week and this program is being enthusiastically run by David Bennet and his team of Suzanne and Jim. All students, trainers and myself owe Jenny McLaughlan "big time" for her tireless efforts in bringing us all together in her well organized fashion.

Special thanks and recognition goes to our generous sponsors Pittwater RSL, NSW Dept of Human Services and Mack Vahanian without their help our volunteer work would be impossible. A special note of appreciation and thanks to Rod Hazell our auditor who gives his time and expertise to produce our end of year financial report.

Congratulations to long serving club members Laurie Malone and Derrick Davey who were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for Australian Volunteers for their long-standing work for Avpals

A warm welcome to those new trainers who have joined us this year Greg Ross, Suzanne Waterman, Sharon Barrie and Jim Fairley, with a warm welcome back to Uta Hoffman and Brian Hindes (a founding club member). Derrick Davey rejoined us after being on the sick list and it is wonderful to have such a positive and cheerful full strength team. My thanks also goes to Paul Purvis and Brian Moss our IT experts who put in long hours to keep our equipment running. Alison Holland as usual has been diligent in keeping us supplied with tea, coffee and biscuits, while making sure our club room remains tidy and presentable. Alison's efforts at our various open days and Christmas party have been very much appreciated.

To our trainers Michael Mannington, Ron Baxter, Dave Stanton and Paul Purvis who acted as special guest speakers after our meetings in Train the Trainer sessions, thank you, your expertise was greatly appreciated. Also I would like to thank Warwick Sargeant Physiotherapist for volunteering his time to address us on correct posture while seated at our computers.

Finally, a very warm and sincere thanks to Gerd Holland our secretary and Kurt Blecher our treasurer, their attention to detail kept the club running smoothly and our finances in order. I believe we are in a great position to face the challenges and opportunities that the coming year will present.