

# HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

## NEWS LETTER

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Member of ASCCA.

Australian Seniors  
Computer Clubs  
Association



**Bernard Hayward**



**Joan Peters**

Our Guest Speaker last month was **Bernie Hayward**, a local solicitor, who is on the Law Society's speakers list for community groups.

He advised us of the essential legal considerations as they apply to Seniors. He not only explained details of Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship, but also told us of those unforeseen problems that may occur.

There are many ways wills can be contested by people who feel they were unfairly left out or disadvantaged. It seems the dear departed's wishes are not always carried out, unless great care is taken to avoid all eventualities. He busted many myths that have been long held about what can or can't happen with wills. One example quoted was that of a man's weekend de facto, who nobody knew about, appearing to claim a share of the family estate. She won.

The general members' consensus is that Bernie was one of the most interesting and informative speakers we have had for a long time.

**Joan Peters** was our ten minute speaker. She told us of her early times and how her life was changed by computers. She became interested and learnt enough to graduate now to be a Tutor on Tuesdays.

Our Ten Minute Speaker for August will be **Teresa Wall**.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be there. This is an important meeting in which Committee members and other Office Bearers are elected and at which important decisions are made. We need as many of you as possible to attend and participate in the decision making.

If you wish to nominate anybody for any position please fill in a form and sign it. And do not forget to suggest changes you might wish to see the Club implement this coming year.

The Meeting will be addressed by Mervyn Lynch, the Club's Patron who will also serve as Returning Officer.

The AGM will be preceded by a combined meeting of Committee, Head Tutors, Tutors and Heads of Special Interest Groups.

### ANNUAL ASCCA SEMINAR.

This seminar appears to be a great place to catch up on computer technology, developments and trends.

There will be a very interesting and varied range of subjects and speakers. On each day, there will be a mixture of keynote presentations and optional workshops.

The Conference will be held on the 5th and 6th September at the Sydney Mechanical School of Arts at 140 Pitt Street on the first level.

The registration fee covers attendance at all sessions, morning tea, hot/cold buffet lunch and a conference pack.

The registration fee is \$35.00 for one day or \$55.00 for two days. Places are filling fast.

To find out more, contact Tony Lenn by telephone on (02) 9286 38 or email

[tech@seniorcomputing.org](mailto:tech@seniorcomputing.org)

and a registration form can be found on the ACSSA website.

**NEXT MEETING 1.30pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

## HELP DESK

The Tech. Class lost the guidance of **Rob Mills** when his serious illness made him housebound. We all wish him well.

However, he is still willing to help and would not mind assisting with simple problems that can be answered via e-mail. You can e-mail him at

millshome@bigpond.com>

**Yesterday is history  
Tomorrow is a mystery  
Today is a gift  
and that is why we call it the present**

Thanks Fred

## MICROSOFT PULLS THE PLUG

It's Official: Microsoft will no longer issue security updates or provide support for Windows 98 and Windows ME, which are still being used by more than 50 million people. Microsoft is hoping that you will upgrade to Windows XP.

Do you have Windows 98 or Windows ME running on one or more of your PCs? If so, what are your plans now that Microsoft has pulled the support plug?

Microsoft claims they are retiring support for these products because they are outdated and can expose customers to security risks. We recommend that club members who are still running Windows 98 or Windows Me upgrade to a newer, more secure Microsoft operating system, such as **Windows XP**, as soon as possible.

Club Members who upgraded to Windows XP report improved security, richer functionality, and increased productivity.

## DON'T CALL ME

The Federal Government is to set up a national "Do Not Call" register by the end of 2007 and at a cost of \$33 million.

ICT Minister Helen Coonan said in a statement that the government had thus far committed \$17.2 million for the project

The register would be open to individuals and small businesses and would enable them to opt out of receiving **unsolicited (i.e. nuisance) telemarketing calls**.

Once a telephone number was registered, it would be prohibited for telemarketers to contact the number.

Can't wait for 2007!

## USE YOUR TASK MANAGER TO STOP UNRESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

*How to keep malfunctioning Windows XP software from slowing your computer to a halt*

If an application hangs in Windows XP, you may be able to stop it manually by opening up Task Manager. Note that you should only do this if you have tried everything else to restart the software in question. Also, closing software using Task Manager may erase all unsaved data in the program in question.

To pull up the Task Manager, try one or more of the following:

- 1) Right-click on an empty area of the Windows XP toolbar and choose "Task Manager".
- 2) If that fails to work, press CONTROL-SHIFT-ESC.
- 3) If that fails to work, try CONTROL-ALT-DEL.

When Task Manager starts, click on the "Applications" tab. Right-click on the program that is not responding and choose "End Task". Follow the instructions if prompted. You may have to force an application to stop two or three times.

Use Task Manager as a last resort, but if your computer or a software program hangs, it may be the only way to restore access to your machine without a reboot.

Two patients limp into two different Australian medical clinics with the same complaint.

Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The first patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The second sees his family doctor after waiting a week for an appointment, then waits eighteen weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another month and finally has his surgery scheduled for a year from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The first is a Golden Retriever;  
The second is a Senior Citizen.

## WARNING FROM NRMA

PLEASE PASS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside. Then you lock all your doors, start the engine and shift into REVERSE and you look into the rear -view mirror to back out of your parking space and you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift the gear stick back to PARK, unlock your doors and jump out of your car to remove whatever is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of the car, that is when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off!!! Your engine was running, you would have left your purse in the car, and they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

BE AWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED IN SYDNEY AND COULD SPREAD ACROSS AUSTRALIA.

Just drive away and remove the paper that is stuck to your window later and be thankful that you read this email. I hope that you will pass this on to friends and family. A purse contains all identification and you certainly do NOT want someone getting your home address. Especially when they already HAVE your HOUSE KEYS.

Loretta Peters  
*Dept of Police & Public Safety  
 Traffic Liaison Services*

## OUR PATRON - MERV LYNCH

Merv Lynch was a Hurstville Councillor for many years and served a term as Mayor.

He has always been interested in senior's affairs and has been Chairman of the Hall Management Committee (Senior's hall) as part of his Councillor's job. The committee manages the hall's affairs for the weekday hours of 9a.m. to 3.p.m (after which the Council hires it), and also decides who uses the hall for that time.

When he retired from the Council he wanted to maintain his interest as Chairman, but a couple of the new Councillors wanted to take over. He fought a difficult battle because he was no longer an official so he joined our Club to have a connection and eventually retained the control.

George Thompson invited him to be our Patron because of his connection since we started. He no longer has Council influence but can advise us on matters affecting our operation.

We are fortunate to have such experience in our Patron

***Henry sent this to me and it's 60Mb so it will take a while to download from <http://www.scrapbookflair.com/downloadsoftware.aspx>***

***It's free and the pages to look at and get inspiration from are great with lots of bits to add to your pages. I will let you know when I use it***

**Joyce**

## From Henry

Free Digital Scrapbook Software: Scrapbook Flair is free digital scrapbooking software for Windows from Aurora Digital Imaging. Formerly sold under the name PhotoOne Print for US\$30, Aurora Digital Imaging is now offering the full-featured software as a free download.

This easy-to-use PC software allows people to take photographs from their digital cameras and create scrapbook pages in a matter of minutes. The software also offers a variety of enhanced and unique scrapbooking features, including custom coloured backgrounds, balloon text, photo manipulation and designer art work.

I browsed through the screen shots and it definitely looks like something worth checking out. If you decide to give it a try, add a comment and let us know how you like it. (From ABOUT.COM...Computers and Computing)

## THE DIGITAL IMAGING GROUP

have entered the ASCCA Digital Photographic Competition again this year with 23 members participating and 126 images submitted over the 6 categories.

We will print off these images and use them as Club meeting displays at suitable times –Ed

*Then there was Paddy, the Irish lad, who could not understand why he only had three brothers when his sister had four!*

