

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

NEWSLETTER

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Member of ASCCA.

Australian Seniors
Computer Clubs
Association



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007

It is with pleasure that I am able to present to you this tenth annual report.

I would like to thank the members of our management committee, our Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer, Committee Members and Training Co-ordinator who meet monthly to give the club direction. Also thank you to our hardworking tutors who give up their valuable time to teach you.

Many thanks to our maintenance groups both at the Annexe and Queens for the excellent job they do to keep our computers up to date and running smoothly.

Special thanks are extended to our Newsletter Editor and our Webmaster for the excellent jobs they are doing. We also have the people who put out the chairs, attend to the afternoon tea, the library, folding the newsletter, the attendance list, the projector and I could go on. Thank you all.

Several special interest groups are being promoted within the club and members are urged to join those groups in which they may have an interest. Details of the interest groups and the contact person for each are on the back page of the newsletter. Our interest groups are going extremely well, and thank you to the leaders of these groups, John, Fred, Ian, Frank, Ted and Bill.

Thank you to Hurstville City Council for their continuing support and to Owen Hodge Lawyers for their assistance and the printing of our newsletter. Also to ASCCA, Computer Associates and of course Multipower who also deserve our thanks for their assistance during the year.

At the time of preparing this report there were 227 members currently financial to June 2008 and 90 members who have not yet renewed their membership. The club had 290 members for the 2006/7 financial year which is similar to this financial year. We currently have 27 on our waiting list.

We were entertained by our ten-minute speakers and a variety of guest speakers who attended our meetings and also our inhouse speakers and they have been exceptionally interesting. Thank you Henri for arranging the speakers.

Our club participated in the Seniors Gala Day in the Marana Auditorium during Hurstville Seniors Week. A selection of our entries in the 2006 ASCCA Digital Camera Competition was on display. Members answered enquiries on what our club does and how they can join.

We have been active with our parent body ASCCA. Six of our members attended the 9th Annual Conference for seniors this week. Three of our members attended the member's meeting in February and we were also represented at the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Conference earlier this year.

We have also registered for the Microsoft Unlimited Potential program to receive more software which will keep us up to date with our courses.

The club was once again successful in the annual ASCCA photographic competition for 2006, this time winning the outstanding club award. Excellent results were achieved – a second in every category and two firsts. Special congratulations are extended to Geoff Turton who was selected as the Grand Champion Digital Photographer for the second time. Perhaps Geoff may make this a Trifecta. Congratulations to all the winners for an excellent result and for keeping the name of the Hurstville Seniors Computer Club to the fore.

A big thank you to those who have supported me throughout the year in so many different ways. I am sure the club will be in safe hands during 2007/2008 and look forward to another successful year.

Pamela Samuels – President

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday 26th September at 1.30pm

A SUCCESSFULL AGM

All in all we had a very successful and interesting AGM.

The sitting office bearers were re-elected which indicates a vote of confidence for the efficient and committed work done by your committee.

Whilst the Heads of the Special Groups and Head Tutors are not elected positions all credit to them for an efficient and dedicated job well done.

We salute all our volunteers for giving of their time and expertise so selflessly.

Henri

Our thanks are extended once again to Patron Merv Lynch who attended our AGM and conducted the election of office bearers.

We really appreciate his ongoing support.



Hurstville City Council was represented at the AGM by David Linden. David is Manager of Community Services and we appreciated his attendance in the absence of Virginia Fields who is on a well earned vacation

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Yes, they're more than the sum of a volunteer and a tutor.

A welcoming smile, a helping hand a friendly face and incidentally, some computer learning.

At our recent AGM I noted some scant expression of appreciation of our Tutors, not Head Tutors, not Committee but ordinary Tutors who lovingly give hours of their time helping ordinary Seniors to expand their world of computers.

Tutors, through their computer teaching skills, promote mental stability, our well being, alertness and social engagement and expose us to experiences, knowledge and a world of understanding and develop our potential as seniors.

They widen our world. They expand our horizon. Thank You Tutors... We salute you.

Bud Mestern, - Pupil

OUR TEN MINUTE SPEAKER

Alan Cuthbertson, gave an animated talk telling our members of the crucial role his family has played in the history and development of the Oatley district and the family's role in the establishment of the first shoe factory in the district.



Alan once again illustrates the importance of SHARING Family stories.

Our September Ten Minute Speaker will be MARCIE McRAE who will, like many other Speakers, tell our members about LIFE BEFORE COMPUTERS.

This promises to be an interesting look into our recent past.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our September Guest Speaker will be the popular PETER STANHOPE, Trainer with our umbrella body ASCCA. Peter will speak and demonstrate the very versatile Windows Media Player Version Eleven and will discuss a few interesting Vista issues.

SUPER DEAL ON COMPUTERS

If you would like to have a NEW computer with Pentium 4 and Windows XP preloaded I would ask that you contact WORKVENTUTE'S STEVE MACCREADY at 1800-112-205 for more details. I have spoken to Steve and his staff on a number of occasions and they are extremely helpful. These computers cost just \$250 plus a small delivery charge! By the way, you can also pay off your computer over three months at no extra charge.

The computers are internet ready with 25 hours free internet access and anti-virus included. Now how's that for a bargain.?

Henry

DIGs GO FOR IT AGAIN

The annual ASCCA digital imaging competition is on again. Hurstville DIGs have submitted entries from 31 of our members with a total of 166 photographs spread over 6 categories.

Results will be known in November.

We aim to exhibit prints of our entries again at a general meeting so you can vote for the Peoples Choice.

ASCCA COMPUTER CONFERENCE

ASCCA's 9th Annual Computer Conference for Seniors was held at the Powerhouse Museum on 27 and 28 August 2007 and presented informative and entertaining programs on both days.

Hon. Kristina Keneally MP, NSW Government Minister for Ageing and Disability Services was the keynote speaker on Day 1, followed by Microsoft's "Professional Geek", Nick Hodge (www.nickhodge.com).

Day 1 concluded with an inspirational presentation by John Blades (47) who was diagnosed with MS in 1982. John has been wheelchair bound for 14 years and, for the last 6 years, has relied on a chin control to maintain his mobility. He described how his computer has enabled him to communicate and pursue his interests in music and art.

On Day 2, in an informative "Clubs Speak" segment, Neville Hall from Tamworth spoke on "Maintaining a Club's Profile and Increasing Membership". Brian Graham from COTA discussed "Vista for Your Club" and Lynton Bradford from Epping suggested some "Useful Software for your Club".

Peter Blasina, the Channel 7 Gadget Guy briefly explored the history of the Information Age and previewed some expected technological developments. (www.gadgetguy.com.au)

Dr June Hazelwood OAM, from Launceston Seniors Computer Club concluded the conference with an entertaining presentation from her research into seniors and learning.

Conference proceedings are available on ASCCA's website www.ascca.org.au

QUICK REMOVAL OF THUMB DRIVES

To avoid the need to go through the "Safe To Remove" routine with USB connected drives:

Insert thumb drive into USB port.

Right Click on My Computer and then Left Click on Properties > Hardware > Device Manager > Disk Drives.

Then Right Click on the relevant USB drive name and choose Properties > Policies > Optimize for Quick Removal.

Thereafter you can just unplug the drive from this USB port, without the "normal" routine and without harming the drive.

SENIORS WEEK AWARDS

NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2008 NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards program.

The awards are a chance to celebrate and reward the enormous contributions seniors across the state make to their local communities.

Awards will be made in six categories:

- business mentoring
- community service/volunteering
- education/lifelong learning
- environment science
- intergenerational understanding
- health and wellbeing.

Nominees must be residents of NSW and aged 60 or over, or if the person nominated is Aboriginal or has a lifelong disability the age must be 50 or over.

Organisations nominated must be a group contributing to seniors' initiatives in NSW

Nomination forms are available from the Seniors Information Service on 131 - 244 or from the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care website www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Nominations close September 28.

HIGH NOTES FROM HEAVEN

Luciano Pavarotti duly knocked on the Pearly Gates ...

St Peter opens them and says,

'Oh it's you Luciano, salutations, come on in - squeeze through'.

Pavarotti boomed,

'Hold on, I am carrying an envelope from the Vatican City for you, from Il Papa, the Pope.'

St Peter opens the envelope and reads it...

'HERE'S THAT TENOR I OWE YOU'

THE CLUB

The Hurstville Seniors Computer Club was formed in April, 1998 to teach Seniors to use computers. Clubrooms are in premises provided by the Hurstville Council in the Hurstville Seniors Centre, and in an Annexe in the MacMahon St. building. Tuition is held during week days in an informal atmosphere - cost being a minimum. We are an entirely voluntary organisation, the aim being to help fellow Seniors.

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Monthly Meeting Hurstville Seniors Centre
91 Queens Road, Hurstville
 1.30pm, last Wednesday of the month (except December)

Fees Joining Fee \$20
Annual Fee \$15
Training Fee \$4 per session

PATRON	Mervyn Lynch OAM
PRESIDENT	Pamela Samuels
VICE-PRESIDENT	Frank Grosz
SECRETARY	Marie Thompson
TREASURER	Geoff Turton

TUITION IS IN ONE HOUR SESSIONS

If you can't attend your booking, please let your Tutor know.

Mondays	Joyce Pickup
Tuesdays	Margaret Butt
Wednesdays	Marie Thompson
<i>No lessons on meeting day</i>	
Thursdays	Betty Saltmiras
Fridays	Shirley Boxhall
Technical - Advanced and Basic	Ted Crichton
<i>Mondays at the Annexe</i>	
Digital Imaging Group	Ian Chesterfield
<i>First Tuesday in the Clubroom 1.30pm</i>	
Genealogy	John Shortland
<i>Second Wednesday at the Annexe 1.30pm</i>	
Web Design Group	Fred Scott
<i>First and Third Wednesday 1.30pm</i>	
Internet	Frank Grosz
<i>Thursdays at the Annexe</i>	
Video Editing Group	Bill Baker
<i>Friday Annexe 9 - 10.30, 11 - 12.30</i>	
Maintenance Crew - Queens Rd	Frank Grosz Ted Barnett
Newsletter Editor	Ian Chesterfield
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS. If you change your address, phone number or e-mail, please inform the Treasurer.



BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS for October Have a great day!!!

Christine	Lavender	2-Oct
John	Crampton	4-Oct
Brian	Williams	6-Oct
Elga	Frederick	7-Oct
Enid	Warner	9-Oct
Doreen	Chisholm	10-Oct
Joe	Wilderspin	11-Oct
George	Thompson	12-Oct
Alan	Varley	13-Oct
Henry	Joubert	14-Oct
Ted	Crichton	15-Oct
Maurya	Sloane	15-Oct
Joanne	Box	17-Oct
Geoff	Turton	17-Oct
Mara	Brown	18-Oct
Rose	Iacoviello	20-Oct
Bill	Baker	22-Oct
Thomas	Matthews	23-Oct
Bob	Richards	24-Oct
Shirley	Yeo	27-Oct
Val	Brennan	29-Oct
George	Dracos	29-Oct

"I don't know what use anyone could find for a machine that would make copies of documents. It certainly couldn't be a feasible business by itself."

-- The head of IBM, refusing to back the idea, forcing the inventor to found Xerox.