

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

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"keeping up with our grandchildren"

NEWSLETTER

May 2008

Member of ASCCA.

Australian Seniors
Computer Clubs
Association



*The Ten Year celebration of the Club was a convivial occasion with thanks to the committee and of course our Founder **George Thompson**. We were indeed honoured by the Mayor of Hurstville who answered questions on civic matters*

This club has, by a happy confluence of some talented people, both volunteers and students, grown into a cohesive unit which bears all the characteristics, by all criteria, of a successful organization.

The welcoming nature of the Club is generated by the fact that it runs "informal" sessions with friendly interaction between tutor and student. We do not operate formal classroom training sessions. No pressure. Students work at their own pace.

The learning environment is truly ideal for Seniors and is the secret of the Club's success.

We wish it many years of happy service to the community.



Our Past President, **George Thompson** has compiled a Ten Year History of the Hurstville Seniors Computer Club and copies will be available soon. There is also a possibility that the history will be available on CD in the future.

Prices for copies of the Club History are:

Bound on good paper	\$12.00
Bound on copy paper	\$10.50
Sheets only - good paper	\$ 9.00
Sheets only - copy paper	\$ 7.50

Copies may be ordered from your Head Tutor or members of the Committee.

SPEAKERS FOR MAY

TELSTRA will be making a return visit. **Tina Kantares** of Telstra will be our Guest Speaker and will cover the topics of Mobile Phones and Seniors, Internet Security and the Internet For Seniors

Mobile phones have become so intricate and complicated, in fact a miniature computer in your pocket, while most of us would only want a phone that is capable of receiving and sending calls.

So have your questions ready!

Our **Short Talk Speaker, Joan O'Donovan** will show members how to set up a TRAVEL BLOG for our well travelled members whether the travel is within the Wide Brown Land or to foreign and exotic countries.

What is a Blog, you may ask.

A BLOG is a publication of personal thoughts, experiences, travels and so on. It is updated frequently and is usually a compilation of what is happening in a person's life. This medium is gaining popularity and thousands of people use blogging services which may be found on many websites, most of which are free.



ASCCA NEWS

ASCCA will, as in previous years, organise a Creative Writing competition.

ASCCA has invited all club members to enter at least ONE such submission. The rules and requirements for the competition, as well as the general categories, may be found on its website. Further details and examples of Creative Writing and past entries may be found at:

www.ascca.org.au/events.htm#Writing

Change of Address, email or postal. Please inform Geoff and Marie ASAP

CLUB NEWS

Frank and Ted of the MAINTENANCE CREW have been extremely busy during our April-May break largely due to the unauthorised changes that some of our members had made to the computers. Please help us by not making changes of any kind. Frank has taken a well-deserved break in Queensland. We hope he returns invigorated and ready to tackle the job of keeping our computers up to date.

The Internet Group is working well and **Frank** has vacancies for new members at the Annexe in MacMahon Street. See details on Page 4 of the newsletter.

Thanks to **Ian, Geoff and Joyce** and the Digital Club's enthusiastic members, they are already in the process of organising their entries for ASCCA's Digital Photography Competition. As you are aware the Club has been very successful in this competition. Have another look at our website which displays all the past winners.

The Genealogy, Web Design, and the Digital Editing Group, thanks to committed leaders and enthusiastic members, are working very well indeed.

You must have noticed the installation of new computers with Microsoft Vista and new scanners which will enhance the learning opportunities of our students.

SHOW PICS ON YOUR PC

Best Bytes - NAN BOSLER

WHY not display your favourite pictures on your screen (desktop), it's easy to do.

Right click on the desktop and select Properties.

Click on the Desktop tab where you can select from the Background list. If you want to use a picture saved on your computer, click Browse and an Open window will appear. It will default to your My Documents/My Pictures folder, but you can browse through other folders.

Click on the picture you want, then on Open.

This will take you back to the Display Properties box and you should see a preview of your brand new desktop.

If this is what you want, click Apply then OK.

For those using Microsoft Vista: Right click Desktop > Personalize > Desktop Background > Picture Location > Pictures.

Then all the pictures you have put in your Pictures folder (called My Pictures in XP) are on display for you to choose from.

Click Browse to see all the folders you have put into Pictures, click the one you want, and straight away the picture is displayed on your desktop.

(Thank you Computer Pals for Seniors, Northern Beaches.)

*I am sad that I could not attend the 10th year Birthday Party I am sure the club will continue on for another 10years
SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY HSCC and to all the many volunteers
From Joan Peters*

SIGNS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE A VIRUS ON YOUR COMPUTER

After you open and run an infected program or attachment on your computer, you might not realize that you've introduced a virus until you notice something isn't quite right.

Here are a few primary indicators that your computer *might* be infected:

- Your computer runs more slowly than normal.
- Your computer stops responding or locks up frequently.
- Your computer crashes and restarts every few minutes.
- Your computer restarts on its own and then fails to run normally.
- Applications on your computer don't work correctly.
- Disks or disk drives are inaccessible.
- You can't print correctly.
- You see unusual error messages.
- You see distorted menus and dialog boxes.

These are common signs of infection. But they might also indicate hardware or software problems that have nothing to do with a virus

Unless you install and run industry standard, up-to-date antivirus software on your computer, there is no way to be certain whether or not your computer is infected with a virus.

There are many FREE anti-virus programs. The most commonly used in the club and by club members appears to be AVG, which can be obtained from

<http://free.grisoft.com>

I can also recommend AVAST as an excellent anti-virus protection.

www.avast.com/eng/download-avast-home.html

Thanks Henri

REMINDERS

1. There is now more than sufficient parking in the new adjoining parking areas so please do not clutter up the Senior Citizens parking.
2. We need more volunteers to help develop and write articles for inclusion in our newsletter. It is only with your assistance that we continue to maintain the high standard of our publication. Remember our newsletter was a match winner in the recent ASCCA competition. Let's keep it up. You don't have to be a Peter Carey or Tim Winton to contribute.
3. Phishing has raised its ugly head again. St George Bank and its clients have been the most recent victims. So don't become a victim. Take Care.
4. Please be aware that HSCC is a "learning" club, not a free "Officeworks" where you can copy, scan, print numerous CD's and print multiple pages of your personal projects. Everything within reason of course.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Nan Bosler](#)

To: [George Thompson](#)

Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 10:24 AM

Subject: Re: HSCC 10th Anniversary

Dear Marie,

Thank you for your invitation to the Tenth Anniversary Meeting of the Hurstville Club. I am very disappointed that I won't be able to accept your invitation.

I remember quite clearly that Seniors Card expo in 1997 when there were a great number of seniors eager to see a club established in Hurstville and how quickly their needs were met. Congratulations on the vision that you and George had about just how those needs would be met and the hard work that helped to capture that vision and see the successful formation of the flourishing and much-needed club that is now about to mark a decade of service to your community.

George also gave his time and expertise to helping with the formation of ASCCA. He was a member of the steering committee and the first management committee of the organisation that is now the national peak body for seniors and technology and acknowledged as a public benevolent institution.

The advantages of computer technology for seniors is recognised as an increasingly valuable contribution to the well being of the greying population of our nation.

A club is only as successful as Hurstville Senior Computer Club when the Management Committee and Trainers work as a team on behalf of the membership of the club and the community in general.

Happy Anniversary to an outstanding club!

Fond regards,
Nan Bosler,
President,
Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association

JUST A FEW WORDS FROM MAXINE

(What more do you expect!)

Please accept my sincerest apologies for not being with HSCC to celebrate a wonderful 10 years of operation.

Way back in 1998 when we started this club most of us didn't know all that much about computers and that was one of the reasons I joined up so I could learn more and learn more I did.

George Thompson and John Chisholm worked so hard in providing the computers for us to work with and before long I found myself, along with others, teaching and keeping one step ahead of our pupils. Doreen Chisholm came along and passed on her wonderful expertise to us and so it took off with a bang, such a bang we were not really prepared for and look at the club today!

Over the years I was able to gain an enormous amount of computer knowledge which has been put to use in my particular field of learning and writing – family history.

Keeping **ahead** of my grandchildren, (not as the club's motto says, keeping **up** with the grandchildren) has always been my goal, being a Leo through and through, so in that respect I have worked hard at keeping up with technology, that is when I can remember it!

Now, 10 years later and having moved out of Sydney and of course not being able to help myself I have become involved with the local computer club and passing on my knowledge to those who know less than I do.

So a big thank you to Hurstville Seniors Computer Club members for all the wonderful friends made during the past 10 years and the knowledge which has been shared amongst us all and hopefully will still be shared. I still email Joyce, Frank and Fred for advice on certain functions!

Have a great afternoon and hope to see you later on.

Maxine

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
Thursdays *No lessons on meeting day* Betty Saltmiras
Fridays Shirley Boxhall

Technical - Advanced and Basic Ted Crichton
Mondays at the Annexe

Digital Imaging Group Ian Chesterfield
First Tuesday in the Clubroom 1.30pm

Genealogy John Shortland
Second Wednesday at the Annexe 1.30pm

Web Design Group Fred Scott
First and Third Wednesday 1.30pm

Internet Frank Grosz
Thursdays at the Annexe

Video Editing Group Bill Baker
Friday Annexe 9 - 10.30, 11 - 12.30

Maintenance Crew - Queens Rd Frank Grosz
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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 June

Have a great day!!

Ian	Robinson	1-Jun
Denis	McDonald	5-Jun
Doreen	Wallworth	5-Jun
Thelma	Case	7-Jun
Maureen	Cooper	9-Jun
Helen	London	12-Jun
Barry	Porter	13-Jun
Ian	Chesterfield	17-Jun
Albert	Foster	18-Jun
Raymond	Quick	18-Jun
Bob	Evans	19-Jun
Ian	Cutting	20-Jun
Margaret	Jones	22-Jun
Bud	Mestern	24-Jun
Nitsa	Papas	24-Jun
Helena	Hallinan	27-Jun

