

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Our Combined Committee meeting will commence at 10.30am. We cordially invite all Head Tutors, Tutors and Heads of the various Special Interest Groups to attend. These are vital meetings where we discuss and implement plans such as "Where the Club is Going in the Future" considering the rapid changes in the techniques and methods in the teaching of seniors. Think of the fact that Windows 7 will be introduced next month and we have hardly got our heads around Vista!

A light lunch will be provided.

School holidays are upon us again and unless otherwise arranged with your Tutors there will be no classes during the short school holiday.

(DIGS will meet as usual on Tuesday 6th October.)

Our **AGM** in August was well attended and, pleasantly, by many members who do not usually attend these monthly events.

Copies of the President's address (published below) as well as the Treasurer's Report are evidence of a healthy, innovative and progressive Seniors Computer Club, and one in which all members should rightly be proud to participate.

The Annual Election of Officers was the Twelfth and did not require a ballot which shows the confidence which our members showed in the existing committee.

Our Patron Mervyn Lynch presided over the election of officers and thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work and commitment. He mentioned his pleasant and positive connection and association with the Club and specifically mentioned the role that George Thompson played in the establishment of the Club. Merv noted the Club has grown from barely a handful of interested senior residents in to what it is presently, thanks mainly to the foresight and prescience of George Thompson.

He congratulated one and all for their individual roles in making this club the success it is.

He also commended Sue Samad of Hurstville City Council for the Council's care and interest in the welfare of the Club.

Wanted: A Tutor for Thursday, for an hour or two. Our Popular Tutor Maurice Moroney will be in a wheelchair for the next six weeks, having broken his leg in a bad way. We wish him well

SPEAKERS

MARY DALY will be our Ten minute Speaker with the topic "Life before Computers" and will relate her early years. It should be noted that Mary is also a skilled digital photographer and an active member of the DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP.

JONATHAN GRAHAM of Telstra, our Guest Speaker, will talk about Technology and Seniors, with specific reference to mobile phones

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Mobile phones make it easy to stay in touch with your loved ones and get more out of your day. Although new technology can seem daunting, mastering the basics of using a mobile phone is easier than you think. There will be some useful tips on working through menus, adding a contact to your phone book and changing the volume on your phone.

From earlier discussions with Mr. Graham, this will be an excellent and instructive talk and something to look forward to.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE HURSTVILLE
SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB INC**

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2009

We are now entering our twelfth year and it gives me great pleasure to present to you this report.

Hurstville Seniors Week was again organized by the Hurstville City Council under the very capable hands of Sue Samad. We thank Sue for the many good things she has done for all the seniors in the Hurstville area and specifically for our own group. Sue convened and planned the senior's week with the assistance of the planning committee which included a variety of programs which members were able to enjoy. Our club had an open house for the seniors to drop in and see how we provide facilities for them to acquire and enjoy some basic computer skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hurstville City Council for their continued support and to our patron Merv Lynch, David Linden and Sue Samad for their interest and concern for our club.

Many thanks to the always helpful and friendly staff at Owen Hodge who for many years have printed our newsletter at no cost to the club.

Once again the club was extremely successful in the ASCCA Digital Photography competition. Our photographers excelled with two first places and eight highly recommended places. Robin Ireland was runner up as Digital Photographer of the year and once again our club was voted the outstanding Digital Photography club of the year. We were also successful in the creative writing competition with Lois Burns receiving a special mention in the ASCCA Creative Writing competition. Thank you to all members who entered the competitions and congratulations to the winners.

Members have again entered the ASCCA competitions and this year ASCCA offers members the opportunity to demonstrate just how creative they can be when it comes to sharing their photographs with others by entering the new Photo Story Video competition.

The club sponsored five members of our club to attend the ASCCA Annual Conference. There were many interesting speakers and much to learn to implement at our club. We remain active members of ASCCA – officially recognized as the National peak body for seniors and computers.

Monday 29th September saw us at the opening of the Hurstville City Council Arts Festival at the

St. George Historical Museum. It was opened by the Mayor, Vince Badalati and Ian Chesterfield gave a short presentation on Hurstville Seniors Computer Club and the Digital Imaging Group. We exhibited our 2007 ASCCA winning images, a photo restoration from a 1940's snapshot by Joyce Pickup using Paint Shop Pro 8, a collage of Hurstville and a looped video introduction by Geoff Turton.

The highlight of our Christmas Party was the presence of Mr. Sunny Liang, proprietor of Step One Technology, who donated a door prize of a compact multi purpose multi media computer valued at more than seven hundred dollars which was won by Shirley Payne. A big thank you to Sunny.

Our tutors continue to share their skills and give their time to club activities. They do their best to keep up with the rapid changes of the computer industry, while maintaining their skills in older programs to ensure that members with older machines are not left high and dry. They especially emphasize the need to utilize antivirus programs, because of the increase in virus activity and the need for an effective firewall plus an anti spam program. Although they are not looking for thanks, next time you see one of our tutors, say "Thank You" then they will know how we really appreciate what they do.

We are indeed fortunate to have a dedicated and very efficient maintenance crew. The team members at both Queens and the Annexe are not only maintaining the club computers and various peripherals, but they also double up as tutors or are members of one or more special interest groups. Thank you to Frank, Graeme, Ted and the team.

Thank you to Frank, Fred and Geoff who have done an excellent job in setting up the changeover to TPG and WEBCITY. This move has resulted in a significant improvement in the club's internet.

Special thanks to Fred Scott and his team for the development and maintenance of our exceptional Web Page and special thanks also to Ian Chesterfield and his team who assist in preparing the excellent newsletter making sure it is always out on time and special thanks to those who contribute to its success.

Our Special Interest Groups have grown from strength to strength and continually introduce innovations for the benefit of our members.

Congratulations to Betty Saltmiras and Graeme Gavin who were both awarded Life Membership for their dedication and service to the club over the past twelve years.

Thank you to Bob Wybrew who handcrafted our presentation pens for our guest speakers.

Thank you to our hard working committee for their assistance over the past year in carrying out the duties so necessary for the well being of the club. There was never an occasion when something needed to be postponed for lack of a volunteer.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the many volunteers who helped with the continued success of the club? Graeme Gavin for auditing the books, Henri Joubert has done an excellent job in finding speakers for the monthly meetings. Marie a great job coordinating the lessons, Geoff an excellent job with the finances and other cheerful volunteers helped with the welcoming, putting out and stacking the chairs, folding and posting the newsletter, emailing the newsletter, looking after our stationery, preparing certificates, putting out the sign for the speaker, setting up the projector, computers, etc. for our monthly meetings and I could go on and on. Thank you all.

This year has been a successful year of growth and development with approximately 333 current members. The popularity of the club may be measured by the long waiting list of seniors eager to join our activities.

In closing may I take a moment to remember George Thompson, our first President who passed away on the 16th October last year? George was the founding father of our computer club and, but for George we would probably not be here today. Our club is a living monument to George and his contribution to our club is beyond measure and long lasting.

My congratulations to the club on its enthusiasm over the years and the ability to retain and attract members.

Pamela Samuels
President

YOUR COMMITTEE

President: Pamela Samuels
Vice President: Frank Grosz
Secretary: Marie Thompson
Treasurer: Geoff Turton
Committee: Sachi Balanchandran
Clyde Bevan
Shirley Boxhall
Margaret Butt
Ted Crichton
Henry Joubert
Joyce Pickup



All these familiar faces lining up to do it once again for the benefit of the members. We are indeed a lucky lot!!

Thank you all.

Ed

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
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BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS

For October - Have a great day!!

Val	Packham	1-Oct
Christine	Lavender	2-Oct
John	Crampton	4-Oct
Marlene	Wallace	5-Oct
Brian	Williams	6-Oct
Elga	Frederick	7-Oct
Doreen	Chisholm	10-Oct
Loreto	Tattam	10-Oct
Joe	Wilderspin	11-Oct
Marilyn	Richardson	12-Oct
Alan	Varley	13-Oct
Henri	Joubert	14-Oct
Ted	Crichton	15-Oct
Patricia	McGarry	15-Oct
Helen	McGillivray	15-Oct
Joanne	Box	17-Oct
Helen	Smith	17-Oct
Geoff	Turton	17-Oct
Patricia	Young	17-Oct
Rose	Iacoviello	20-Oct
Bill	Baker	22-Oct
Miriam	Stein	22-Oct
Leonard	Howell	23-Oct
Thomas	Matthews	23-Oct
Ida	Hooper	26-Oct
Shirley	Yeo	27-Oct
Valda	Brennan	29-Oct
George	Dracos	29-Oct

At this time of the year a small number of members will fail to renew their annual subscriptions, however our waiting list will be reduced as well and new students have appeared in a number of classes.

It appears that many will have laptops with Vista and Office 2007 installed on their computers, which means that Tutors will have to be up to date in their content delivery and methods.