HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

They say that a camel is actually a horse designed by a committee. Not this one.

Our Committee has over the years done a tremendous amount of work, spent an inordinate amount of time and energy to do a host of work, and let us not forget on a purely voluntary basis. If you feel you would like to subject yourself to this amount of selfless and time consuming work you should please nominate for work on our Committee. More about this later.

The Annual Elections will be conducted by our Patron, Mervyn Lynch O.M., an active supporter of our Club in Hurstville since its inception. Our committees have been very successful over the years, giving the Club its deserved success. But success does not just happen, a lot of work is done by keen and committed volunteers, many of them having been at the Club since its foundation.

members enjoying a cuppa

However, it is not just a matter of attending the Committee Meetings. Members have to be committed to carry out various duties outside the meetings to keep our Club running smoothly and successfully. We provide an essential service to Seniors which requires a very special ability, as well as initiating ongoing improvement and innovation. Our elected Committee members' duties include - attending other clubs and related meetings, finding and inviting guest speakers, maintaining our twenty or more computers, arranging the general meeting, taking care of the finances or standing in for the Treasurer or Secretary when they are on holidays, organising and purchasing supplies and refreshments, and arranging functions. Regarding the Newsletter there is editing, pursuing and soliciting items for publication, arranging for printing, printing address labels, folding and posting or e-mailing.

Other duties include assisting with maintenance of equipment and, on meeting days, arranging equipment and setting out the chairs.

Over the years our Committees, under the able leadership of our President, Pamela Samuels, have done an excellent job keeping this club in the forefront of similar organizations for innovation, enterprise and service to the community.

Pamela Samuels and Marie Thompson.
Both have been renominated as President and Secretary

Our thanks for a GREAT JOB WELL DONE is extended to all Committee members, Leaders of Special Interest Groups, Tutors, Maintenance Teams and regular volunteers.

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. Feel free to suggest changes and improvements you might wish to raise for discussion.

Nominees for all positions will be announced at the meeting.

Annual fees are now overdue. If not paid at the August meeting you will be unfinancial and will need to pay a new Joining Fee of $20.

GUEST SPEAKERS LAST MONTH

Our Guest Speaker, John Geremin, described the history of the Heritage Computer Museum and the problems they have had to set up an exhibition centre for the valuable historical assets. The museum is seeking a permanent venue to display the thousands of items collected since the invention of computers.

Jon Geremin, Pam Samuels and Don Zerafa

Our Ten Minute Speaker demonstrated the varied uses of Google Maps, which is perfect for routes and journeys and finding businesses in your local area and indeed world wide. While you're at it have a look at Google Books, Google Images and Google Videos.

GOOGLE SEARCH TIPS

Google can also be very efficient at translations and calculations. Give it a go. Here are a few of the many Google search tricks:

Weather
To see the weather for many worldwide cities, type "weather" followed by the city and/or the country.

Example: | weather London | Search |

Time
To see the time in any city around the world, type in "time" and the name of the city.

Example: | time London | Search |

Dictionary Definitions
To see a definition for a word or phrase, simply type the word "define" followed by a space, then the word(s) you want defined.

Example: | Define philosophy | Search |

Currency Conversion

To use the currency converter, simply enter the conversion you'd like done into the search box and the answer will be provided directly on the results page.

Example: | 150 British pounds in Aust | Search |

Unit Conversion
You can use Google to convert many different units of measurement such as height, weight, and volume. Just enter your desired conversion into the search box and we'll do the rest.

Example: | 10.5 cm in inches | Search |

Synonym Search
If you want to search not only for your search term but also for its synonyms, place the tilde sign (~) immediately in front of the search term.

Example: | ~fast food | Search |

Spell Checker
Google's spell checking software automatically checks whether your query uses the most common spelling of a given word. If it thinks you're likely to generate better results with an alternative spelling, it will ask "Did you mean: (more common spelling)?". Click the suggested spelling to launch a Google search for that term.

Example: | expolsion | Search |

TREASURE TROVE

National Library unveils a web-based Treasure Trove

Australia's history is now online after the unveiling of Canberra's National Library web-based service at **http://trove.nla.gov.au** which contains more than 90 million items including books, music and diaries. The amount and extent of the information provided by the website is absolutely stunning and all embracing, including books, journals, magazines, photos, pictures, diaries, letters and newspapers, many of which date from the early nineteenth century. There are about one hundred million documents of essentially Australian interest.

The database, called Trove, includes resources from more than 1,000 libraries around the country.

"You don't need to be in any library to access it, you can be at home, but it helps you find and get information."

"So if, for example, you find something that isn't online then it will tell you where it is.

"If it's here at the National Library of Australia then you can come in and view that item."

The service took three years to develop and system designer Kenji Walter says it is more than just a database, it also offers a users' forum.

"There might be a set of users who might be interested in a particular topic ... it might be family history research. Indeed this is a great site for members doing research in Family History.

"We're allowing them to connect with each other and to build a community around Trove."

http://trove.nla.gov.au

ABC WEBSITE AND NEWS APRIL 2010

Many of our members search the Internet for health information. Now new research suggests that the simple act of Googling may be good for your brain health.

Scientists at the University of California, Los Angeles, have shown that searching the Internet triggers key centres in the brain that control decision-making and complex reasoning. The findings, to be published in the upcoming issue of **The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry**, suggest that searching the Web helps to stimulate and may even improve brain function.

I AM MOST ANNOYED

when friends with the best of intentions send me all sorts of dire warnings about a threat that my computer is about to explode caused by the latest virus.

Usually this is just another COMPUTER HOAX, WASTING MY TIME. Of course by then they would have sent it to their entire address book.

Please do not resend before checking. There are excellent sites for doing this.

Here's a list of outstanding sites to check out things that seem a little iffy, too good to be true, or say "send this to everyone you know!"

Internet scams, hoaxes and urban legends take many forms so it's good to have a few places you can go to see if something is true or not.

snopes.com   (Urban Legends Reference Pages)
Snopes.com is one of the first (and best, in my opinion) sites to target this area of interest and usually the first place I go to check on something.

TruthOrFiction.com
This is another reliable site with the top 20 stories being a good way to keep an eye on the latest items making the rounds.

About.com
The About.com page on current internet hoaxes, email rumours & **urban legends** has a short but good list of items.

BANK SCAMS

A network of thousands of compromised computers that is being used to harvest online banking details has been uncovered in the UK.

The so-called botnet is made up of around 100,000 machines, according to researchers in Israel.

Cyber criminals in Eastern Europe, who have control of the machines, are collecting personal data from the PCs.

This includes login details for online banks, credit and debit card numbers and other passwords.

"The fraudsters are very familiar with UK banking systems," said Amit Klein, chief technology officer at Trusteer, the firm which uncovered the network.

ZOMBIE NETWORK

A zombie is a computer that has been infected by a piece of malicious software such as a **Trojan** horse or another type of malware. Once infected, the zombie's sole purpose is to perform a malicious task on behalf of the attacker. Zombies can be used to bring down corporate networks, websites, and send mass amounts of spam to individual users.

In other words, a zombie is a computer containing a hidden software program that enables the machine to be controlled remotely, usually to perform an attack on another computer.

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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

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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**
           No lessons on meeting day

Thursdays   **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**
                                        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 September - Have a great day!

Danny	Taylor	4-Sep
Kurt	Hofer	5-Sep
Nancy	Soan	9-Sep
Jutta	Eizenberg	13-Sep
Marilyn	Schell	15-Sep
Faye	Ferris	17-Sep
Jean	Sapsed	17-Sep
Graham	Mac Gregor	20-Sep
Theresa	Mezzina	20-Sep
Harry	Vesely	20-Sep
Maria	Giannone	21-Sep
Don	Hird	21-Sep
Tania	Antonaz	22-Sep
Norman	Field	22-Sep
Shirley	Davy	24-Sep
Barbara	Walter	24-Sep
Robin	Dinham	28-Sep
Elaine	Urquhart	28-Sep

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.