HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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VALE Doreen Chisholm - 4th May 2012

Doreen Chisholm, a dear and devoted friend, colleague and, not least, expert tutor, understood, appreciated and valued the teaching of computer skills to our Senior citizens.

Doreen was not only a pioneer in the teaching of computer skills to Seniors, she was a foundation member of the Hurstville Seniors Computer Club at a time when teaching computer skills to Seniors was a relatively novel idea and when computer usage by Seniors was a rarity. No Facebook, no Google, no Twitter, no iPads, etc.

She significantly and selflessly contributed her skills, expertise and sensitivity in a major way to the growth, health and spirit of the Hurstville Seniors Computer Club in a manner that was always helpful and sympathetic. Members also related to Doreen at a level which was more than a teacher-student relationship.

Doreen had this knack of connecting with our Seniors in a manner which was **meaningful** and Seniors regarded her in an affectionate way.

Doreen will be sorely missed. We extend our sympathies to her relatives.

MAY MEETING

This month's meeting will be a joint meeting of Committee, Head Tutors and Tutors. As our organization is going through a transformation it is vital that all Tutors attend. We need your contribution.

As some of our foundation members are getting on with newer things it is important that we recruit more Volunteer Tutors for the Club. For many years our foundation members have done a sterling job keeping your club vitalized and growing. We now ask that YOU put up your hand and help the club as a tutor and in other capacities..

Marie Thompson, for many years our hard working Secretary, has taken ill. We wish her well and pray for a speedy recovery.

SAG *Uncover your family's history*
Society of Australian Genealogists
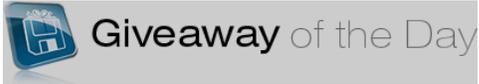
"We help you uncover your family's history"

The Internet in Family History - Friend or Foe?

Our Guest Speaker will be Heather Garnsey from the Society of Australian Genealogists who will speak on the work of the Society and how it can assist in tracing your family history, an activity which has become very popular of late and, with the numerous advertisements, highly profitable!

Established in 1932, SAG is the oldest society of its kind in Australia and has over 6,500 members throughout the world. One principal object is the advancement of genealogical education.

SAG has a world-class library and manuscript collection, much of which is unique. The Society runs an active programme of lectures, workshops, seminars and tours, has a shop selling books, charts and software and can give advice on all aspects of genealogy.

Giveaway of the Day

http://www.giveawayoftheday.com

is a website that offers commercial software free of charge for a 24-hour period.

To take advantage of the daily offers, you need to download, install and register the software during the offer period.

Since the site was launched in October 2006, the software on offer has covered a wide range of categories including system tools, video and photo editing tools, file format converters and screen-savers.

The site includes a link for you to subscribe to receive email notifications of the daily offers.

Before downloading and installing any of the software, you can check how other users rate the software on offer and it is also wise to do a quick search for any other reviews on the particular product.

Many of the free software offers won't interest you, but every now and then an item that you may have been looking for will appear.

Geoff Turton

DID YOU KNOW THAT

75% of Australians throw out, in their rubbish and recycling, enough personal information, such as credit card statements, to put them at risk of identity fraud.

87% of Australians are concerned about identity theft.

According to The Australian Federal Police (AFP), identity fraud costs the nation up to $4 billion a year.

When it comes to concerns about identity fraud, women, far more than men, fear financial loss, poor credit rating, feeling personally violated and embarrassment.

81% of middle Australians (household income $40k - $69k) are most likely to put themselves at risk of identity theft by throwing out personal information such as utility bills and credit card statements

INTERESTING WEB SITES

Of the many learning websites which encourage you to learn almost anything, at no cost, **Kahn Academy** is one of the best.

www.khanacademy.org

With a library of over **2,800 videos** covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and **300 practice exercises**, to help you learn what you want, when you want, at your own pace.

Another interesting site with extensive courses on just about anything is **Free Online Learning Courses**

http://www.openculture.com/freeonlinecourses

SUSPICIOUS PHONE CALLS

A member has related her recent experience of receiving the following "banking survey" phone call:

"A couple of weeks ago I had a call from an Asian lady who said she was doing a survey for 'Banking Australia'. She started off with a couple of simple questions and I told her I had a visitor and had to go and hung up."

"She rang straight back and said there was just one more question to the survey and asked which bank I was with and I foolishly told her St.George and that I was very happy with them."

"Fast forward on a couple of weeks and on Thursday afternoon I had a call from an Asian man who said he was calling from St.George Bank and he was informing me that, as a valued customer, he wanted me to know that I had been over-charged on some of my transactions and would be reimbursed, and I would be getting a call the next day from Fair Trading (I think he said it was) who would tell me the amount I was to be reimbursed."

"I said I would not be home and he asked for my mobile number and I said I didn't have a mobile. I then asked him his name which he said was Patrick and I then said please give me your phone number and he hung up. Obviously another con or scam whichever name applies but I think it's worth passing on."

"Of course I still get regular calls telling me my computer needs fixing."

This story is a timely reminder for all of us to be careful with information we disclose during those annoying unsolicited phone calls.

PHOTO SHARING

Why Use a Photo Sharing Service?

We assume that you have taken hundreds of photos using your new digital camera which you were gifted over the Christmas holidays.

What to do with all those digital photos ? and all those taken over the years, digital and otherwise ?

It is hard to imagine anything more joyful than sitting with the ones you love and sharing pictures of the good times you have spent together. In an era where all of your loved ones might not live under the same roof, or even in the same city or state, this cherished pastime is quickly becoming a thing of the past.

That was until **photo sharing services** started bringing families together over the internet.

As with all internet and file sharing there is a degree of LEARNING and reading up before you begin to upload your pictures. Fortunately there are plenty of websites and guides to help you. You may upload your photos to any one of the following services.

Flickr	**http://www.flickr.com**
Photobucket	**http://photobucket.com**
Shutterfly	**http://www.shutterfly.com**
Picasa	**http://picasa.google.com**
Webshots	**http://www.webshots.com**
SmugMug	**http://www.smugmug.com**

Uploading your photos to these sites is easy and quick, and may be done in batches.

Uploading photos directly from camera phones is a handy feature. Some photo sharing services have apps that will upload a photo from your phone with one click, while others force you to send an email with a file attachment.

All photo sharing sites have a host of features that make photo sharing easy, fun, and sociable. Here are some of the options to look for in an online photo storage service.

Photo sharing services should make the process of uploading and sharing your pictures as painless as possible. You don't have to jump through hoops to have your photos uploaded. They also want services that are going to leave their options open.

Basic Features

The ideal photo sharing service needs to give its users a number of different features. When it comes to dealing with anything multimedia related, the users in question will want to be able to do a lot of things with their photos. If they don't have the options they need, they will search elsewhere for a service that will give them the right tools.

Photo Features

The photo sharing service you choose should offer a simple upload process and should include the option to upload one photo or several photos at the same time. You should spend time enhancing and sharing your photos instead of having to upload photos one by one.

A good photo sharing service will also allow you to upload your photos directly from a camera phone.

Community

A photo sharing site should allow you to join user forums to share your photos and experiences. Some sites we reviewed will allow you to share your photos in groups that are user defined as well as predefined by the company. Some groups are listed in vague terms such as "sports," while others are more defined such as "ATV Riding". Consider which type of community you are looking for before choosing a photo sharing site.

Help/Support

Whenever you are using any online service, it is good to know that there are knowledgeable customer service representatives available to help you out if you have any questions. The best photo sharing services offer a solid support system that is capable of answering any questions you might have. The best photo sharing services will offer a list of FAQs on their website as well as user forums.

Photo sharing services give you the tools to help you put your pictures on the web, the world's stage. There you can share your photos almost instantaneously with as many people as you want. You also have the option to choose who can see your photos to ensure your privacy.

There are no limits to how you share your photos anymore. With a world of possibilities at your fingertips, what you are going to do with it is up to you.

Integration with social networks is an important part of photo sharing services. Look for buttons that enable you to share photos on Twitter, Facebook, and your other favorite social sites.

Too much sharing can be a dangerous thing. You should be able to set up public and private albums, and even password-protected access to albums or specific photos. An "invite" feature lets you send emails or text messages to selected contacts inviting them to view your latest photos.

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Monthly Meeting   Hurstville Seniors Centre
91 Queens Road, Hurstville
1.00pm, 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	**Marie Thompson**
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 1.00pm

Web Design Group   **Fred Scott**
       First and Third Wednesday 1.30pm

Internet   **Frank Grosz**
       Thursday 10 - 12.15 Annexe, 12.45 - 1.45 Clubroom

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

Maintenance Crew - *Queens Rd*   **Frank Grosz**
                                          Ted Barnett

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**BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS
for June**

Have a great day!

Ian	Robinson	1-Jun
Denis	McDonald	5-Jun
John	Prince	7-Jun
Barry	Porter	13-Jun
Ian	Chesterfield	17-Jun
Albert	Foster	18-Jun
Raymond	Quick	18-Jun
Ian	Cutting	20-Jun
Edward	McCarthy	20-Jun
Bud	Mestern	24-Jun
Doug	Laws	25-Jun
Ken	Hale	27-Jun
Juliana	Legiman	29-Jun
Jaya	Subramanian	29-Jun