

# HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

## NEWSLETTER

November 2012

Member of ASCCA

Australian Seniors  
Computer Clubs  
Association



As this will be our last newsletter for the year we would like to wish all members a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Our Committee, Tutors and Group Leaders will certainly look forward to a little R&R and hopefully we will all return in the New Year refreshed, renewed and with great enthusiasm.

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

Please come to our November meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm and join in the fun of our Christmas meeting and party.

There will be some excellent lucky door prizes including expensive items donated by Sunny Liang of One Step Technology. You need to be there to win.

An exhibition of prize winning members' photographs will give you your chance to be a judge in the Members Choice competition.



The winners of the various ASCCA competitions will also be announced on the day and we will await, most anxiously, for the results which, hopefully, will again be positive for our club. You must agree that our members are a multi-talented bunch.

### CLUB NEWS

Two experienced members have recently been elected to the Committee: **John Shortland**, an expert tutor in Genealogy and Family History, and **Lilly O'Brien**, our new Secretary. Lilly also provides a lot of edible “goodies” to the delight of all. Welcome John and Lilly.

We should also mention **Ted Crichton** who, besides his work in crowded classes in the Monday Technical Group, has been successful in obtaining another Federal Government grant, and **Joan Curtis** in getting NSW Government member, Mark Coure to loosen the purse strings with another generous donation.. You will see the outcome in tablets, new monitors and other “under the bonnet” products.

This Year has been characterized by steady and continuous progress for your Club. New and innovative courses have been introduced and the Club is well on its way to strike into new directions as it should, given the rapid changes in computers of all shapes and configurations.

It is clear to all Tutors that our members thoroughly enjoy lessons and learning new computer skills with enthusiasm.

However, no matter how eager and enthusiastic our members usually are, **lessons will not be held during the Christmas and school holiday season.**

Please contact your class coordinator or Tutor for further details.

## VALE -Marie Thompson

It is with deep regret that we announce that Marie Thompson, our dear and devoted



Secretary since the birth of the Hurstville Seniors Computer Club, passed away after a short illness. She was not only the Secretary, with a multitude of duties which she performed with a quiet efficiency, she was

also an innovative and sympathetic leader in our Club, Marie, together with her husband and colleague, George, was a co-founder of this club and who, as an expert tutor in a leadership role, understood the needs of Seniors to embrace the, at the time, technological desires of that group of the community, when teaching computer skills to seniors was a novel idea and a rarity.

Marie truly understood and appreciated the value of teaching computer skills and literacy to our Seniors citizens.

Marie contributed her skills, expertise and sensitivity in a major way to the growth, ethos and spirit of the Hurstville Seniors Computer Club, not only in the wider role of guidance and leadership of the Club as an institution, but in the day to day teaching of Seniors in which she took great care and pleasure. She leaves a valuable, memorable and lasting memorial to this club.

Her commitment was self evident in her teaching sessions, to which her students can testify, but in other computer groups as well. It is evident that her students looked forward to her sessions each week which were thoroughly enjoyed by her students and fellow tutors alike.

We also looked forward to our Committee meetings in which Marie contributed valuable insights in a commonsense way into the meaning of teaching computer skills to Seniors.

This is a special and unique skill.

Marie was, at all times, happy to impart that understanding the skills and the enjoyment of computers and she certainly devoted much of her time to devise lessons, and to make them interesting and enjoyable for all. Marie had this knack of relating to our Seniors in a manner which was both meaningful and our members related to her in an affectionate way.

Innumerable Senior Citizens will remember her for the caring yet efficient manner in which she assisted anybody who needed a bit of help - and she did this with great humour and understanding. Marie touched many people in this way.

Her Life Membership of our Club will remain as a permanent memorial to the pioneering work she did for the members for a decade and more.

We shall miss you.

## BASIC iPad COURSE

In response to recent requests, a short basic course for iPad users will be available for members in 2013. The course content is still being developed but it is expected that the course will occupy one hour per week for 4 consecutive weeks, starting in March 2013.

No dates have been set yet but possible times are on Mondays at 1:30 pm at 91 Queens Rd or on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm at 91 Queens Rd.

Please contact Geoff Turton if you are interested in attending such a course.

This course will be in addition to the monthly Tablet Computer Interest Group meetings which will resume in February 2013.



## LAST MEETING



**James Kelly** of **Owen Hodge Lawyers**, in his inimitable and meaningful way, took us through the intricacies of the many pitfalls as well as the benefits of planning for retirement.

Members felt that this was a sorely needed talk. We would also like to thank James for the important contribution his company has made over the many years to the printing of our monthly newsletter.

James was accompanied by **David O'Hara** of Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers who shared his expertise and experiences in the field of Financial Planning for Seniors.

Both of these talks were appreciated by members judging by the many positive comments.



## ANNOYING SOFTWARE INSTALLATIONS

Are you annoyed when unwanted software, and toolbars, browser add-ons or search bars and worthless registry cleaners are mysteriously installed on your computer?.I have seen even our own club computers with two or three unnecessary search or toolbars. Your computer becomes annoyingly slow and such software are not always easy to remove.

Most of the time it is served up as a small check box that is already checked when you attempt to install software. The purveyors of this software are hoping you will click so fast that you don't notice their presumptuous ✓. Be careful when you install new software ! Stop clicking without reading.

**I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.**

## QR CODES

Small squares containing black and white patterns of dots are starting to appear on lots of advertising and marketing material.

These are QR (Quick Response) coded images and are a development of the familiar barcodes that appear on many products. QR codes can contain much more information than bar codes.

Originally developed in 1994 for rapid identification of parts in the automotive industry, the advent of smart phones and tablet computers has seen the introduction of QR codes into marketing and advertising.

More details are available at

<http://tinyurl.com/arr5m4e>

Any smart phone or tablet with a rear-facing camera and QR code scanner application software can be used to display the information contained in QR coded images.

*Zapper Scan* is a free QR code scanner app for iPhone and iPad devices, while *QR Droid* performs a similar function for Android devices.

Simply open the app, aim the camera to view the QR code image on the screen and the software automatically displays the information contained in the image. If the information contains a web address, just tap on the web address to access the website.

QR codes can also be generated with many QR code scanner apps. There are also websites that will generate QR codes for you. Just enter your information and click a button to generate your QR code. <http://zxing.appspot.com> is such a site.



This QR code image contains street and postal address, phone number and website details for Hurstville Seniors Computer Club.

## 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  
1.00pm, last Wednesday of the month (except December)

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

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<b>PATRON</b>	<b>Mervyn Lynch OAM</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Pamela Samuels</b>
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Frank Grosz</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Lilly O'Brien</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Geoff Turton</b>

TUITION IS IN ONE HOUR SESSIONS

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

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Margaret Butt**

**Wednesdays**   **No lessons on meeting day**

**Irene Ramsay**

**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**

**Ted Barnett**

*Friday Annexe 9 - 10.30, 11 - 12.30*

**Maintenance Crew - Queens Rd**

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**Ted Barnett**

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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 December & January

Have a great day!

Frank	Grosz	1-Dec
Mieke	Eder	3-Dec
Rosemary	Amos	4-Dec
Shirley	Ellis	4-Dec
Allan	Mayo	6-Dec
Bill	Finlayson	8-Dec
Valerie	Ede	9-Dec
Catherine	Vong	9-Dec
Bruce	Peters	10-Dec
Sylvia	Moores	12-Dec
Kathleen	Howell	16-Dec
Ann	Cockburn	17-Dec
Fay	Leslie	18-Dec
Margaret	Arnold	19-Dec
Margaret	Butt	19-Dec
Margaret	Eamens	19-Dec
Hazel	Blair	21-Dec
Lorraine-Urania	Antony	27-Dec
Lyn	Smith	29-Dec
Tahereh	Amini-Amoli	30-Dec
Marcia	McRae	2-Jan
Pamela	Samuels	3-Jan
Ailean	Nixon	4-Jan
Ann	Geurts	6-Jan
Patricia	Beggs	8-Jan
Suzanne	Denny	8-Jan
Joan	Townsend	10-Jan
Margaret	De La Garde	14-Jan
Clyde	Bevan	15-Jan
Liliane	Arens	18-Jan
Kathleen	Doherty	18-Jan
Ruth	Smith	19-Jan
Rita	Whitbread	20-Jan
Betty	Gault	25-Jan
Shirley	Boxhall	27-Jan
Jean	Day	28-Jan



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