

# HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

## NEWSLETTER

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### REMEMBER WHEN?

#### LOOKING DOWN MEMORY LANE

The year was 1997. Apple was a struggling computer company, Google was unknown and the World Wide Web was a very different place.



At the time Microsoft was working on Windows 98, and their “Where do you want to go today?” slogan featured prominently on their website.

The first mobile phones were introduced into Australia and they were disparagingly dubbed “bricks”, offered voice only services and cost more than \$4000 each.

The world lost the legendary Frank Sinatra and Seinfeld came to its end. Harry Potter casts his first spell.

The Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race held on Boxing Day was marred by tragedy when weather conditions caused five boats to sink, resulting in six deaths.



We were learning the basics of computers and Microsoft Office, especially Microsoft WORD.

In 2013, our learners want the Internet and Email. We play around with Tablets (not the sort you swallow); we want Skype and we want Facebook; we explore the world, we shop online.

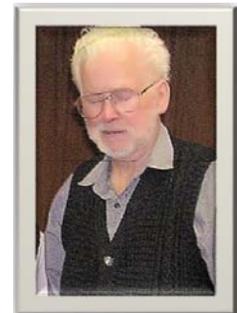
It is time to quietly think what we, as an organization serving the Senior Community, has achieved in that time and it is appropriate that, from time to time, we revisit the past.

Take another walk down memory lane with us as we journey back in time and take a look at what we were and what computers and the Web used to be. If you were there at the time, you'll feel nostalgia – if not, you might be surprised just how far we've come.

We have come a long way and we have developed into a genuine service to the community.

At the beginning it was learning the basics of computers. Now we do much more and we actually have FUN with photos and music and a variety of creative activities. It has made the lives of our seniors meaningful and exciting.

Virtually all the initial work to establish our Club was done by George Thompson, our Founder, ably supported by his wife Marie and a number of dedicated and eager volunteers who did the hard work to get the Club established



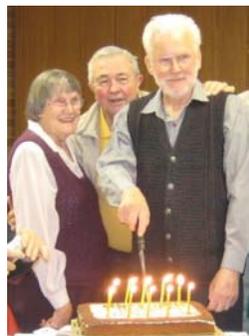
In his quiet and assertive way George cajoled and pleaded and called on many organizations to get the Club off the ground. He importuned Council officials for class rooms, bought used computers at auctions, collected names of interested Seniors who wanted to join. George set up a stall at the Seniors Expo and mailed letters to those who had expressed interest and on 29 April 1998 eighty persons attended a meeting and agreed to form a Club.



We now have over two hundred and fifty members and a waiting list of seniors eager to join.

## APRIL MEETING

At our April Meeting **we will celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**



A Powerpoint slide show will recall memories of past Club activities and events.

**Come along and join in the celebration** of this significant milestone in our Club's history.

## SPEAKERS

This month **Margaret Mattingly** from Centrelink will be our April Guest Speaker. This promises to be an important Talk.

Last month as part of the **Seniors Week Celebration** Gemma Beswick and Deanne



Paras from Hurstville Museum came along to our Club as Guest Speakers to tell us about the history and what is happening at the Museum. It was built in 1829 in the Tudor Cottage style

and has been home to numerous residents. They told us that before becoming Hurstville Museum and Gallery, 14 MacMahon Street was Dr. Crakenthorp's home and practice, the St. George Rugby Union Club and a series of restaurants such as MacMahon's Manor and Fanari's, and an Art Gallery.

The Museum and Gallery has occupied the building since 2004 and has played host to over 150 exhibitions and displays, not to mention the countless public programs, art classes, children's activities, events and thousands upon thousands of visitors.

At the moment they are researching the history of 14 MacMahon Street and are looking for participants who may have a story, a photo, or an object from one of the past lives of this property. If you can help they would be delighted to hear from you.

Hurstville Museum and Gallery is a centre of cultural excellence and engages Hurstville's diverse community through innovative programmes and services that foster creativity and celebrate local identity.

## SENIORS WEEK ACTIVITIES

Your Club contributed significantly to the success of the Hurstville Seniors Week and it was heartening to see many of our members participating in the various activities. Importantly, members of the Club's digital photography group had all their photographs of Hurstville buildings included in the exhibition.

A collection of Digital Photographs, celebrating Hurstville City Council's 125 years and Heritage Buildings, with accompanying poems and short stories, which were written by members of Hurstville Writers Group, have been published in a book titled "All EYES ON HURSTVILLE".

## COMPUTER TIPS

### Automatically Complete a URL

Automatically enter the *www.* and *.com* into most major browsers URL or address bars by typing the name of the page and pressing CTRL + ENTER on the keyboard. For example, if you type: *computerhope* and then press CTRL + ENTER you will automatically be sent to *www.computerhope.com*.

### Quickly Change Case of Text in Microsoft Word

Highlight any text in Microsoft Word and press the shortcut key Shift + F3 to change the case of the highlighted text. Pressing this key once will uppercase all highlighted text, pressing the shortcut again will make the text all lowercase, and then pressing the shortcut again will give the text proper case.

### Quickly Scroll up and Down on a Web Page

Scroll one page at a time in all major browsers including Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox by pressing the Spacebar key. Move back up the page by pressing Shift + Spacebar or the Home key on the keyboard.

### Increase and Decrease Web Page Font Size

Quickly increase and decrease the size of the text or fonts on a web page by holding down the CTRL key on the keyboard and scrolling up or down with the wheel on a wheel mouse.

See <http://www.computerhope.com> for more tips.

*Please check with your Senior Tutor about classes during the school holidays and Anzac Day.*

## CLASS NEWS

**Android And Ipad Tablet** courses have proven to be popular as more members are becoming acquainted with Tablets, especially the Android variety which has been substantially reduced in price.

The third basic iPad User course commenced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 91 Queens Rd., 10:00-11:00am for 4 consecutive weeks.

**The Video Editing Group** activities continue and new participants are welcome. Please see the last page for days, sessions and contacts.

**The Four Week course on eBay** has commenced on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at Queens Road. Class times are 11.00am and 12noon. There are still a few places available for the next course on eBay as well as Skype.

**Classes on SKYPE** will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am.

John Shortland is doing some absorbing work on a variety of **Family History** websites. You are welcome to research your Family History in John's classes. Most intriguing.

*Tutors and Training-Marilyn Richardson and her team will continue Tutor Training on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

## TALK TO YOUR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER - (ISP)

When last have you spoken to your Internet Service Provider (ISP)?

Things in the Internet services industry have changed rapidly and many Telcos are offering new and improved packages which might just benefit you by giving you a BETTER deal.



Don't let your telco take you for a ride - compare your mobile and internet options regularly.

A member has been on the same iPrimus plan since 2008, paying up to \$105 a month for internet package with a 2GB data allowance. When she called the telco a few months ago she found out she could be paying half the price for a new plan with more than twice the included value.

You are advised to take a moment this month to check your internet and mobile plans which could potentially save you hundreds of dollars just by switching to a newer plan from your current provider or from a competitor.

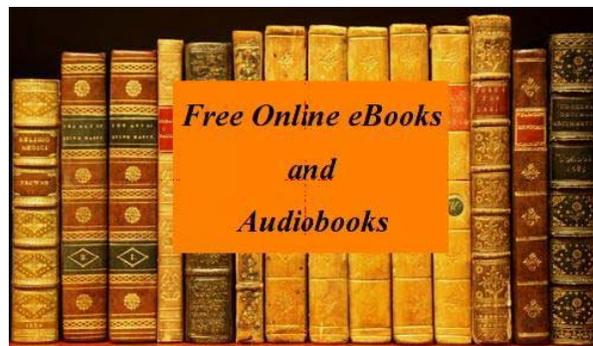
Telcos and internet service providers often update their plans throughout the year but existing customers, particularly those who are less tech-savvy or time poor, may not realise they could be paying less or getting much more for the same price.

Telcos may not exactly be beating down your door to tell you of any new plans, so call your provider and switch to a better deal.

You have been a loyal customer and should be rewarded. Read more at:

<http://www.internetchoice.com.au>

## \*DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE MILLIONS OF FREE EBOOKS AND AUDIO BOOKS ONLINE?



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This is a great site for those who love to read. There are lots to download for your Reader or Tablet.

## 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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**PATRON** Mervyn Lynch OAM  
**PRESIDENT** Pamela Samuels  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** Frank Grosz  
**SECRETARY** Lilly O'Brien  
**TREASURER** Geoff Turton

TUITION IS IN ONE HOUR SESSIONS

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

**Mondays** Short Courses Geoff Turton

**Tuesdays** Margaret Butt

**Wednesdays** No lessons on meeting day John Shortland

**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** Frank Grosz  
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 May

Have a great day!

Alan	Sullivan	1-May
Eileen	Powers	4-May
Beryl	Leverington	6-May
Mary	Blount	7-May
Esen	Domingue	10-May
Doreen	McMahon	10-May
Noel	Heffernan	11-May
Dawn	Lee	17-May
Julie	Tsiliris	18-May
Pamela	Donnet	19-May
Mabel	Wardrop	20-May
Robert	Wilson	20-May
Robin	Ireland	21-May
Noelene	Kelly	21-May
Lynne	Parker	21-May
Jean	McCormick	22-May
Pamela	Reid	22-May
Lilly	O'Brien	23-May
Merv	Lynch OAM	27-May
Fred	Scott	28-May
Dolores	Nolan	29-May
John	Shortland	29-May

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