HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

NEWSLETTER

May 2013

Foundation members celebrating 15 years
Pamela Samuels, Maurice Moroney, Maxine Gray, Maria Giannone, Betty Hart, Clyde Bevan, Henry Joubert

LAST MEETING

In April 2013 we celebrated 15 years of providing assistance and tuition in computer skills and a meeting place for like-minded Seniors. This was indeed a joyful occasion where our members reminisced about the days gone by.

It is at this juncture that we now have to contemplate future developments to remain meaningful, relevant and useful, and look forward to a future which will change ever so rapidly. The big question at this stage of our history is how we can change and innovate, and yet provide an essential service to Seniors.

We now face the challenge of teaching new skills to Seniors in a variety of new and rapidly changing technologies.

We are fortunate indeed to have Tutors and office bearers with the dedication, experience and computer knowledge to initiate such ongoing innovations which are necessary for a computer club to thrive and develop.

Thanks to our Digital Photography Group members, Marilyn Richardson and Ken McRae, for the photographs

SPEAKERS

Sharing our celebrations, **Margaret Mattingly** of Centrelink talked about the assistance that members could obtain from Centrelink. Most issues concerned pensioners and general Centrelink payment recipients. The importance of this to our members was shown by the many insightful questions from the floor.

For Centrelink Online Services, see:
http://tinyurl.com/a4qd38v

For special Centrelink Services for Seniors, see:
http://tinyurl.com/8zowuaf

Our speaker for May will be the popular **David Bennett** who is well known in ASCCA and computer club circles for his expert knowledge of Family History and the Great War. David will give a talk on Apple Macintosh Computers.

This will inevitably raise the perennial question "Is the Apple Mac better than a PC?"

Joint Committee and Tutor meeting – 10.30 am General Meeting - 1.00 pm Wednesday 29th May

CLUB NOTICES AND NEWS

Our May committee meeting will be a combined meeting for Tutors and committee members. Please make an extra effort to attend as we are moving into a crucial period of the Club's growth. Your contributions are important.

Tutors

Marilyn Richardson and her team will conduct a series of "Teaching the Trainers" sessions on alternate Fridays. The initial session, which covered YouTube, was held on Friday 17th May.

Subjects planned for future training sessions are: Internet Browsers, Windows 7 Tips and Troubleshooting Computer Issues (31st May), Security and Antivirus Programs (7th Jun), Backups (21st Jun), Email, Downloading and Installing Programmes (TBA term 3).

Tutors please indicate if you are interested in attending any of the sessions which will be held every second Friday at 2pm. An email providing full details of the next session will be sent to all tutors in the week prior to the training day.

With an increasing number of students using laptops we are considering the purchase of some small mobile tables. Operating systems currently used by our students are Vista (10%), XP (15%), Win7 (69%) and Win8 (6%).

Ebay

Henri's Ebay course will recommence on Monday May 27th at 11.00am. Another two members can be accommodated in this course, even those who are new to Ebay.

Gmail and Tablets

Geoff Turton will present further courses on Gmail, and Tablet computers, both Apple and Android, on dates to be announced

Skype

Henri plans to run a short course on Skype in late June. Eight persons have already indicated their interest, and more will be welcome.

Interest Groups

Fred Scott (website development), John Shortland (genealogy and family history) and Ted Barnett (video editing) have vacancies. Have a taste of these interesting computer activities. Ted Crichton's Technical Group has a waiting list but feel free to visit. See page 4 of our newsletter for times and contact details.

We are aware that it is a real struggle for some of our members to use the stairs at the Annexe and negotiations with the Council will continue.

Vale Jean Sapsed

We wish to sadly report the passing of Jean Sapsed who was a Foundation Member of our club.

Jean was a Friday Tutor all this time and she used to say that, as a Tutor, she not only taught, but she learnt so much more.

At the beginning of 2012 she had an accident and broke her leg and never fully recovered from it.

Jean had been a widow for many years, raising two young daughters and during this time she also went to business.

She will be sadly missed by her students and all who knew her.

ASCCA COMPETITIONS

The ASCCA Digital Photography, Short Writing and PhotoStory competitions are here again We should start early and this year make a CONCERTED effort to place our Club on the computer map.

I am sure we will have scores of impressive entries from members of our Digital Photography Group.

But this year, being our fifteenth anniversary year, we should ALL enter the Creative Writing competition which includes prose and poetry. The details are:

Prose – You can enter one story only for each of the three topics, which are

1. The Hat
Do you remember some of the hats you or other people wore? Do you remember when all men wore felt hats and took them off inside and raised them in acknowledgement of a lady they knew? Did you have a favourite hat?

This is a topic to take you to any time or place of your choosing in just 1,000 words or less - as long as there is a hat involved somewhere.

2. Too Good to Use
Great scope for imagination or reminiscences here! For this topic you can write 1,000 words or less.

3. <u>Out of the Blue!</u>
This is a real short story challenge. Can you write a really short but complete story in just **500** words? Of course you can!

Poetry – You can enter one poem only for each of the three topics

1. <u>Writing a poem without rhyme</u> – by using metaphors and similes, as well as rhythms, you can explore the "music" of what some consider true poetry and what could perhaps become the words to a song. Just 300 words or less for this poem on any topic of your choice.

2. <u>Writing a poem about "an event or incident"</u> using no more than 300 words

3. <u>Writing a poem about "a particular location"</u> using no more than 300 words

Please carefully read and comply with all the conditions of entry listed on the ASCCA website below. Note there are some changes in these requirements from last year.

http://tinyurl.com/a25u7bu

WEB CAN BE VERY STICKY

Best Bytes by NAN BOSLER

The following are extracts from the NATIONAL Cyber Security Awareness Week program which will be held from May 20-24.

If you feel uncomfortable or threatened online and you want to report or talk to someone, go to **http://tinyurl.com/bj9xvpw** and download the government's Cybersafety Help Button.

An Internet basics website is now available and I am impressed by its content. The site uses easy-to-follow instructions and videos, and includes a video on how to stay safe on the Internet.

It has been designed for seniors and for those who are new to online, and is also ideal if you aren't yet as confident using the internet as you would like to be.

See **www.internetbasics.gov.au**. Get a friend or relative to give you a helping hand.

BANKS and police have produced some handy information to help people safely bank and transact with their smartphones and tablets.

The Australian Bankers' Association and the Australian Federal Police have prepared a fact sheet - Banking on the go: security tips for your smartphone and tablet - which provides advice and some simple steps you can take to protect personal and financial information.

Smartphone and tablet technology is revolutionising the way we, live, pay and bank.

Both are mobile computers and you can pay on the go, check your balances, track your savings and even split that bill at the restaurant.

Unfortunately, fraud, scams and harassment have now moved into the digital world as criminals use the technology to commit old crimes in new ways.

Smartphones and tablets allow you to access the Internet and email, download applications and games, and store personal contacts, photos and information.

You need to protect and secure your smartphone and tablet just as you would your home computer or laptop.

Consumers are protected by ASIC's Electronic Funds Transfer Code of Conduct which sets out rules about how electronic funds transfers should work.

All retail banks offering electronic banking services are signatories to the code. This means bank customers are protected - they are not considered liable if unauthorised transactions are made with their cards, smartphones or tablets and will be reimbursed as long as they have taken due care.

Of course, you need to keep your access codes and passwords private.

Fact sheets can be downloaded at **www.bankers.asn.au** or **http://www.afp.gov.au**

To find out how to dispose of unwanted TVs and computers visit
www.environment.gov.au/ewaste

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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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**BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS
for June**

Have a great day!

Denis	McDonald	5-Jun
Margaret	Pezzutti	11-Jun
Barry	Porter	13-Jun
Ian	Chesterfield	17-Jun
Albert	Foster	18-Jun
Ian	Cutting	20-Jun
Edward	McCarthy	20-Jun
Rhona	de Voss	22-Jun
Bud	Mestern	24-Jun
Doug	Laws	25-Jun
Juliana	Legiman	29-Jun
Jaya	Subramanian	29-Jun