

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

NEWSLETTER

July 2013

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CLUB NEWS

Nominations for Committee

We are preparing for the August AGM and nominations for Committee members should be submitted at the July meeting. You are free to nominate any financial member.

At this time of rapid development in computer technology, organization and Senior teaching, it is essential that, from time to time, new blood be introduced. This is essential for an organization to develop and grow in a healthy way. It is a reality of life that we are getting on and new leaders should be elected to guide the Club.

We are glad to announce however that, due to the hard and selfless work by the existing committee, our members have retained that vitality and enthusiasm. On behalf of all members we salute and thank them all. In view of the visions we have for the Club, the future bodes well.

Potential New Members

We currently have an overwhelming demand for our classes with a waiting list of at least 30 potential new members. The possibility of developing some short courses on Computer Basics to cater for small groups of new members is being explored, similar to the short Basic iPad User course which will be run again, for the fifth time, in August.

Combined Committee and Tutors Meeting

Since this month's Committee meeting falls on the fifth Wednesday of the month, it will be a combined meeting for Committee members and Tutors.

In view of the rapid changes taking place at this time in the Club's life, it is ESSENTIAL that Tutors attend this meeting. Your contributions are valued.

FROM THE TREASURER

Another reminder that your Annual \$15.00 membership fees are now due. Payments can be made at the Club by cash, cheque or money order.

With petrol, food and other essentials going up in price, where else can you have so much fun, learning through friendly instruction, for only FOUR DOLLARS a session and an annual membership fee of ONLY FIFTEEN DOLLARS?

While you are renewing your subscription please inform the Treasurer of any new or changed email addresses or telephone numbers. Surely you don't wish to miss out on your monthly newsletter.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We thank the many members who braved the freezing temperatures and incessant downpours to attend our June meeting. Those who could not attend missed a wonderful opportunity to hear the experiences of our Speaker, **Steve Duncombe** from CHOICE Computer magazine.



Steve discussed a wide variety of topics covering much of the computer equipment used by members. He spoke, amongst other interesting topics, about how to buy a printer, the various Microsoft operating systems, and the cost of ink.



Our Speaker for July will be **Amos McKegg** from Microsoft. Our previous speakers from Microsoft have been extremely interesting and helpful, especially in the newer operating systems with which our members are still getting acquainted.

BETTY SALTMIRAS RETIRES

At the end of last term, Betty Saltmiras advised Thursday tutors and students that, reluctantly, she had decided to retire from all her tutoring duties with the Club.

Betty joined the Club as a foundation member in 1998 and has been Head Tutor for Thursday classes ever since. Betty was honoured with Life Membership in 2009 for her services to the Club, including 11 years service as a Committee member.



On the last Thursday of term, tutors and students made a small presentation to Betty and thanked her for her friendship and leadership of a harmonious group of Seniors.

15th ANNUAL ASCCA COMPUTER CONFERENCE FOR SENIORS

Tues 12 & Wed 13 November 2013 at Rydges World Square Hotel, Pitt Street, Sydney

If you are wondering if there will be something of interest for you at the ASCCA Conference, wonder no more!

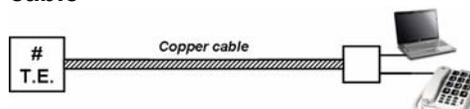
Go to the ASCCA website where you will find out why you should not miss this wonderful opportunity. Each day will begin with an exciting and varied morning program of presentations and forums. After lunch (which is provided) you have a choice of technical training or just enjoyable learning-based break-out sessions, then finish back in the auditorium with a topic of interest to everyone. The only problem you will have will be choosing which of the concurrent afternoon sessions to attend.

See <http://tinyurl.com/ls6pb7e> for more details.

DUELLING BROADBAND POLICIES

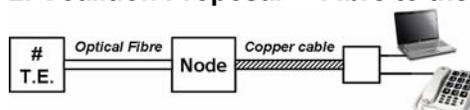
Following the Coalition's recent announcement of its National Broadband policy, the competing proposals can be summarised as follows:

1. Existing broadband services over copper cable -



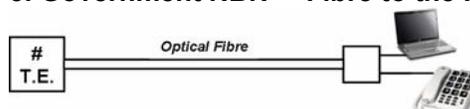
Broadband speed depends largely on distance from your telephone exchange (Theoretical maximum 24 megabits per second (Mbps) but average 6 Mbps for ADSL2+)

2. Coalition Proposal - "Fibre to the Node".



Nodes will be established in street cabinets between the telephone exchange and the premises and connected to the telephone exchange by optical fibre. Existing copper cable will connect the premises to the node. Minimum broadband speeds of 25 Mbps are expected to be available.

3. Government NBN - "Fibre to the Premises"



Premises will be connected to a telephone exchange by optical fibre only. Broadband speeds up to 100 Mbps are expected to be available.

Fibre to the node is a much cheaper option than connecting to every premises by optical fibre. However, retaining copper cable for part of the connection reduces potential maximum broadband speeds and increases maintenance costs.

The problem boils down to two simple questions:

1. How much broadband speed do you need for future products and services, and
2. How much are you prepared to pay for it?

Unfortunately, the answer depends on who you ask and therein lies the fascinating engineering, economic and political dilemma.

To get an idea of your existing broadband speed, run a test on your line at:

<http://tinyurl.com/c8vuek>

DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER

Of late you have been inundated with information through the post about the introduction of Digital Television.



By the end of 2013, the older analog TV signals will be switched off. To keep receiving free-to-air TV after the digital switchover you need a television that can receive digital signals. This means you need to have digital television with a built-in tuner, or have a set-top box that can be connected to an existing analog television.

Visit <http://www.digitalready.gov.au> and enter your full address to get specific information on the switching off of analog TV signals in your area, or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 2010 13.

mySwitch, on the Digital Ready website, is an easy-to-use interactive online tool that gives you the specific information you need to prepare for the switchover in your area.

ONLINE SECURITY

Our Seniors are understandably cautious and conservative about shopping or banking online. They have read so many scary articles in the local papers that deter seniors from online shopping. However Senior Australians are increasingly going online to buy goods and services, taking advantage of the speed, convenience and greater choice that the Internet can offer. Unfortunately scammers like shopping online for their victims too.

There are a few things to check before you click CHECKOUT when doing online shopping,

Stay one click ahead – follow the **Top 5 tips** to outsmart the scammers:

1. Think twice – if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.
2. Find out what other shoppers say – make sure the person that you are dealing with, and their offer, is the real deal.
3. Protect your identity – your personal details are private and invaluable; keep them that way and away from scammers.

4. Keep your computer secure – Install software that protects your computer from viruses and unwanted programs and make sure it is kept up-to-date.

5. Only pay via secure payment methods – look for a web address starting with 'https' and a closed padlock symbol. Never use a wire transfer service to send money to anyone you do not know and trust, and do not share your financial details with anyone.

Visit SCAMwatch to find out how scams work, how to protect yourself and what to do if you've been scammed: www.scamwatch.gov.au

eHEALTH

A personally controlled eHealth record is a secure online summary of your health information. You control what goes into it, and who is allowed to access it.

Your eHealth record allows you and your doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers to view and share your health information to provide you with the best possible care.

An eHealth record gives you more control over your health information than ever before, placing you at the centre of Australia's health system.

Visit <http://www.ehealth.gov.au> and follow three steps to access your eHealth record:

1. Register yourself for an eHealth record.
2. Setup online access, and
3. Login to your eHealth record.

To find out more,

Visit the eHealth record Learning Centre at: <http://publiclearning.ehealth.gov.au>

and look at frequently asked questions at: <http://tinyurl.com/njmltff>

"My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to "Incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect."

From: SeniorJokes
<http://www.greatcleanjokes.com>

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

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 Geoff Turton
Tuesdays Margaret Butt
Wednesdays *No lessons on meeting day* John Shortland
Thursdays Geoff Turton
Fridays Shirley Boxhall

Technical - Advanced and Basic Ted Crichton
Mondays at the Annexe

Digital Imaging Group Geoff Turton
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

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 August

Have a great day!

Maria	Gonzalez	2-Aug
Brian	Hart	2-Aug
Jenny	Webster	2-Aug
Elsie	Elliott	3-Aug
Diane	Simpson	4-Aug
Geoffrey	Smith	4-Aug
Ruth	May	5-Aug
Don	Zerafa	5-Aug
Anthony	Kay	7-Aug
Margaret	Heming	9-Aug
Maxine	Gray	10-Aug
Hardip	Pala	10-Aug
Vivienne	Rice	10-Aug
Peter	Gravina	19-Aug
Bernadette	Abbott	20-Aug
Neil	Schlosz	22-Aug
Phyllis	Crichton	25-Aug
Sydney	Hawkins	26-Aug
Ray	Sarchfield	27-Aug
Elma	Miller	28-Aug
Joan	O'Donovan	28-Aug
Patricia	Smith	28-Aug
Ellen	Carlisle	31-Aug

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