

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

NEWSLETTER

November 2013

Member of ASCCA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the last newsletter for this year so I would like to wish each and everyone a very healthy, happy and peaceful Christmas.



The committee, tutors and group leaders will certainly look forward to a little R&R and hopefully will all return in the New Year with great enthusiasm. Lessons will cease at the end of this month so please check with your tutors or group leaders for further details as to the end and beginning of your program of lessons. May I take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who give up so much of their valuable time to teach members new computer skills.

Please come to our November meeting on Wednesday 27th November at 1:00 pm, when we will have something SPECIAL HAPPENING 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 from Step One Technology. There will also be an exhibition of prize-winning photographs with your chance to be a judge in the Member's choice exhibition.

Please note that our first General Meeting in January will be Wednesday 29th at 1:00 pm.

Becoming a Tutor

Some of our loyal and long serving volunteer tutors have retired and we now need to recruit new blood urgently. We can help you prepare for it and it is an excellent way to learn more while you help others to compute. We are aware that there are quite a number of students who have all the qualities and the makings of very good tutors.

A number of our existing tutors were in fact students in our classes some years ago. This should inspire you. It is a very rewarding activity and we do have a very big student waiting list.

OCTOBER MEETING

52 members attended our October meeting.

Guest speaker, **Peter Walker** from COTA, entertained us with an informative presentation on "Internet Safety". Peter listed many of the ways seniors use the Internet and reiterated ways to avoid a range of security risks online, including identity theft, financial fraud and unsolicited phone calls seeking remote access to your computer.



The many online references mentioned in Peter's handout included factsheet 15, "Understanding Password Security", available at

<http://tinyurl.com/lxqht5c>

2013 ASCCA AWARDS

HSCC members had another successful year with their entries in the 2013 ASCCA Digital Photography and Video Story Competitions.

Digital Photography Competition

Neil Schlosz - 2nd Prize for his entry "Rock Bound" in the Photo Journalism category.



Val Osborne - 3rd Prize for her entry "To-day's Classroom" in the Photo Journalism category.



Video Story Competition

Marilyn Richardson - 1st Prize for her entry "A Blast from the Past" in the Still Images Story category.

Val Osborne - 2nd Prize for her entry "Vivid Sydney 2013" in the Movie Story category.

Congratulations to the award winners and thanks to everyone who contributed entries.

ACCESSING FACEBOOK PAGES

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still view Facebook pages that companies, organisations, institutions, government departments and other Facebook users have made accessible to the public.



Simply use Google to search facebook.com by entering **name site:facebook.com** in the Google search box.

For example, to find ABC pages on Facebook, enter **abc site:facebook.com** and click on the link to the required Facebook page.

This option only allows you to view Facebook pages. You must have a Facebook account to communicate with Facebook users.

HSCC 2012-13 STATISTICS

Numbers of Members

Total	-	238
Female	-	154
Male	-	84

Finances

Total Income	-	\$18,093
(Included Govt Grants)	-	\$4,693
Total Expenses	-	\$18,848

Members' ISPs

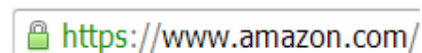
1. Bigpond	-	62
2. Optusnet	-	42
3. TPG	-	23

Web-Based Email Service Users

1. Gmail	-	21
2. Hotmail (Outlook)	-	12
3. Yahoo	-	7

SECURE DATA TRANSMISSION

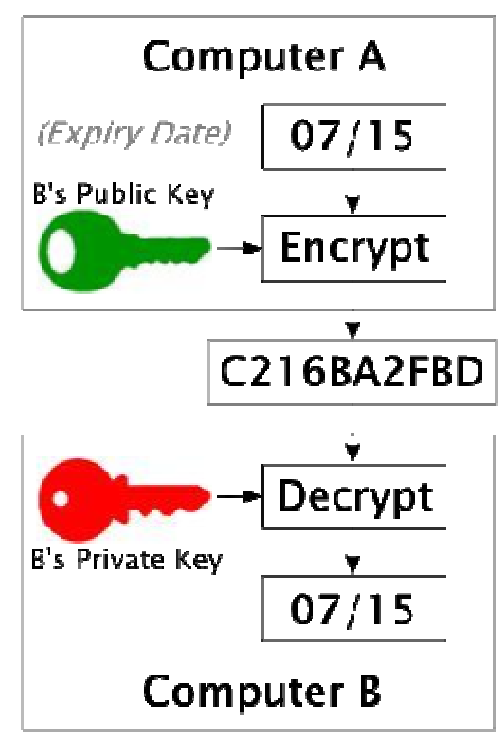
When you send personal information over the Internet for online shopping or banking, etc, make sure you are using a secure link; one whose web address starts with **https://** and showing a padlock, as follows:



When you send any data, including your personal details, over a secure link, it is encoded, or encrypted, so that only the intended recipient can decrypt and read the data you send.

This is achieved by your computer and the recipient's computer each generating two passwords (or keys). The passwords can be hundreds of characters long, making them extremely difficult to crack. The passwords for each computer are known as a Public key and a Private key.

At the start of a data transfer session between two computers, the two computers exchange Public keys.



Computer A uses Computer B's Public key to encrypt data destined for Computer B. Computer B uses its own Private key to decrypt data received from Computer A. The reverse applies for data sent from Computer B to Computer A.

Without A or B's Private keys, any data intercepted between A and B cannot be decrypted and thus remains secure.

A good explanation of the data encryption process is available at:
<http://tinyurl.com/7d3tqg7>

Geoff Turton

BASIC IPAD USER COURSE RETURNS

The HSCC Basic iPad User course will be repeated in February 2014, on the four consecutive Monday mornings commencing on 3/02/14.

This course explores finger gestures, entering and editing text, browsing the Internet, downloading apps and taking photos with the iPad's camera.

There are still a couple of vacancies for this course in February, so if you are interested, email or phone Geoff Turton.

BASIC ANDROID TABLET USER COURSE

A number of members and prospective members have enquired about training for using Android tablets (including Samsung Galaxy and Google Nexus, etc).

If you would like to join a Basic User Course for Android tablets, covering topics similar to those listed in the course for iPad users, email or phone Geoff Turton

Puns for Educated Minds

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it...

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home.
 Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

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