

# HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

## NEWSLETTER

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The start of a new year presents us with opportunities to master, with a clear mind, the challenges and frustrations that computer technology continues to throw our way.

Whether it is the need to confront a new Windows operating system, make sense of a tablet computer for the first time or extract information from a smart phone, you're not alone. At Hurstville Seniors Computer Club we aim to share our computer knowledge and experience to help you find answers.

Your Committee will face the challenge of developing policies to cater for the needs of existing and potential new members; our dedicated tutors and Interest Group leaders will be kept on their toes dealing with the high demand for our Club's services.

It is appropriate that the first Committee meeting this year is also for tutors. Tutors and Interest Group leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting at **10:00 am on Wednesday 29 January 2014** and contribute to plotting our course for the year ahead.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

78 members attended our final meeting for 2013 and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Three short entertaining videos highlighted the work of the Video Editing group members.

Marilyn Richardson used her digital image editing skills in a presentation that portrayed Committee members, Group leaders and other members in a new and amusing light.

In addition to the presentation of Appreciation Certificates to Tutors and Interest Group leaders, President Pamela made a special presentation of Life Membership to Joyce Pickup and Robin Ireland for their valuable contributions to the Club over 15 years.



Joyce and Robin have both served as Committee members and as tutors on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively before combining as specialist digital image editing tutors with Paint Shop Pro on Mondays.

Joyce and Robin have also been regular contributors to activities of the Genealogy and Digital Imaging special interest groups for many years. We salute their service to the Club and congratulate them for their justly-deserved awards.

We thank Sunny Liang for again donating the two major door prizes. Molly Baggott won a wireless keyboard and mouse while Dawn Lee won the BIG PRIZE of a 24" PC monitor.



## JANUARY MEETING

This month's meeting will include a presentation on Windows 8.1 by Geoff Turton.



Many new features were incorporated in Windows 8 but it was the tiled user interface, developed primarily for touchscreen devices, that attracted most criticism from longtime Windows users.

Microsoft's response to Windows 8 user reaction is now available in Windows 8.1, which seems to have received a more favourable reception.

## STEPONE TECHNOLOGY HAS MOVED

From January 2014, Sunny Liang from Step One Technology will no longer be at 2 Woodville St, Hurstville. Instead, Sunny will operate from his home and can be contacted on mobile phone number: **0416 187 116**.

Sunny's computer support service will still be available. However, instead of you having to take your computer to him, Sunny will come to your place. The normal service fee of \$60.00 per hour will apply.

If your computer equipment cannot be repaired on site, Sunny can take it away to complete any required repairs and return it, for an additional fee of only \$10.00, to cover transport costs.

Sunny will also continue to cater for your new hardware and accessories needs.

## SHORT COURSES

A "Basic Android Tablet Computer User" course will be held at 91 Queens Rd on the four consecutive Monday mornings in March, commencing on 3 March 2014.

Development of a short course on "Digital Image File Management and Editing" is being considered.

If you would like to attend the Android tablet course or would be interested in a Digital Image course, contact Geoff Turton.

## NEWSLETTER INDEX

Have you ever wanted to look up an article in a past newsletter but can't remember which issue it was in? For example, recently there was an article about photo sharing services - but when was it? Or perhaps you want to know more about using the "cloud" for backup storage.

But even if you can remember when the article was published, you probably can't find the newsletter.

Well, the solution is at hand. The past ten years of the newsletter, from January 2004 to December 2013, are now available on a CD. The newsletters are in PDF format and every article is fully searchable. Some of the earlier technical articles are obviously outdated, but there is still much of current interest to be found.

The CDs will be available at the next meeting at a cost of \$5 each while stocks last.

## GOOGLE ART PROJECT

Anyone with the slightest interest in art will enjoy this online platform for viewing high-resolution images of 40,000 artworks from 250 major museums.

One can view paintings by a particular artist (e.g. Van Gogh has 162 images) or explore collections from a particular museum.

Using Google's street view technology, you can even "walk" through many of the world's leading museums, including the Art Gallery of NSW and the National Gallery of Australia.

A slideshow of random paintings greets you at <http://tinyurl.com/krzhevj>. From there click on Collections or Artists or Artworks or Galleries to explore all that the site has to offer.

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## More Puns for Educated Minds

Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, apparently they barium.

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## FREE PARKING AT MEDICA CENTRE



Hurstville City Council has recently increased the free parking time limit for the 260 Council-owned positions in the Medica Centre at 31 Dora St, Hurstville, to two hours. You need to validate your parking ticket on level B3 or B5 before departure.

This may be a convenient parking option for members attending classes or Club meetings.

The free parking time limits apply from Monday to Friday, between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm. On Saturday and Sunday, free parking hours have been extended to three hours. See the full parking rate details at <http://tinyurl.com/k2foam>

The limited parking space adjacent to the 91 Queens Rd Hall is only available for tutors and Interest Group leaders who need to park their car for longer than 3 hours.



MakeUseOf is a British technology and Internet apps blog that was launched in 2006. The website's primary focus is software, web applications and technology tips.

The site publishes a wide range of useful how-to guides in .pdf and .epub formats. See what's on offer at <http://www.makeuseof.com/pages/>

A recent publication, "Research Your Family Tree Online", is a 34 page guide covering lots of hints and references for people with an interest in genealogy and is available at

<http://tinyurl.com/nscnc7b>

### Vale - Henry Peter Joubert (14 Oct 1934 - 27 Nov 2013)



It was with deep regret that we had to say farewell to Henry Joubert in November 2013.

Henry was a dedicated and enthusiastic foundation member of our Club, having served in many capacities during his 15 years with us.

Henry was born in South Africa, the eldest of nine children. He was a bright student and, with three tertiary degrees, including a Masters, he progressed as an educator to being appointed the first Principal of Cathkin Senior Secondary School in Cape Town. Henry was a keen defender of his students during the turbulent times of South Africa's anti-apartheid rallies.

Henry and his family migrated to Australia approximately 20 years ago and we are fortunate that he pursued his keen interests in education and computer technology, as a tutor with us.

Students attending Thursday classes and eBay and Facebook courses appreciated Henry's friendly, cheerful and helpful approach to computer tutoring, as did all members with whom Henry communicated on a regular basis.

As a Committee member for 10 years, Henry made valuable contributions as organiser of our guest speaker program and provider of content for our monthly newsletters, in which he frequently emphasised the importance of ongoing education for Seniors.

Henry will be sorely missed. We extend our sincere sympathies to his relatives.

## THE CLUB

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The Hurstville Seniors Computer Club was formed in April 1998 to teach Seniors how 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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### 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

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**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  
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### BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS for February

Have a great day!

Ken	McRae	1-Feb
Barbara	Zammit	2-Feb
Joan	Curtis	3-Feb
Ella	Dobbie	3-Feb
George	Carrard	7-Feb
Robert	Beehag	8-Feb
Margaret	Barnett	10-Feb
Betty	Saltmiras	13-Feb
Elaine	Kosh	15-Feb
Horrie	Nicholson	16-Feb
Marjorie	Penny	17-Feb
Pam	Boyle	20-Feb
Helena	Ross	20-Feb
Nancye	Morris	22-Feb
Janet	Donaldson	25-Feb
Evelyn	Rogers	27-Feb
Allan	Matts	28-Feb

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