

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

NEWSLETTER

February 2014

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Seniors Week is on again in March 2014, with an enormous selection of entertainment events and activities to encourage Seniors to Live Life!

NSW Government Family & Community Services will celebrate Seniors Week from Saturday 15 March to Sunday 23 March and details of their concerts and other events are listed at <http://nswseniorsweek.com.au>.

Hurstville City Council has a two-week program of events in the Hurstville area, extending from Sunday 9 March to Saturday 22 March. Collect a program at the Civic Centre, at any local Library, at the Museum & Gallery or at 91 Queens Rd.

The program is also available online at <http://tinyurl.com/osyalpv>.

Please be encouraged to take the opportunity to have fun, make new friends and learn something new during Seniors Week 2014..

This year, HSCC will also be contributing to Seniors Week in Hurstville with the

HSCC | **Seniors Week**
Open Day
Wed 19 March 2014

This will be a good opportunity to let visitors know how they can use computers and publicise the services we offer. On the day there will be stalls with a variety of displays and demonstrations

The Centre will be open from 10:00am to 1:00pm for people to drop in and look around, ask questions and find out about our Club.

Take the Teacher Home, Centrelink and Work Ventures have been invited to set up their own tables. Some giveaways have been donated.

Hurstville Family History Society will demonstrate features of "Family Tree Maker" software.

Other stalls will show how to use iPad and Android tablet computers and showcase the activities of our Digital Imaging, Genealogy, Video Editing and Web Design Interest Groups and present general Club Information.

If you have some spare time on 19 March, come along. Your presence will help to make the day a success.

Admission will be free. Tea or Coffee and Scones or Biscuits will be available for sale in the kitchen for a gold coin donation.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Members of the Digital Imaging Group will contribute photos for an exhibition being organised by Hurstville City Council, entitled "Best Friend - Animals Great and Small".

This exhibition will be held at Mortdale RSL, 25 Macquarie Place, Mortdale, from 10 - 24 March.



Photo by Lilly O'Brien

COMMITTEE CHANGES

It was with regret that the Committee recently received Frank Grosz's resignation as the Club's Vice President and Tekroo Leader, for health reasons.

Frank is a foundation member of our Club and has made an outstanding contribution to the operation of the Club's activities and equipment.

We thank Frank for his commitment and dedication and wish him well for the future.



As a consequence of Frank's resignation and Henry Joubert's passing in November, the Committee has filled the two casual Committee vacancies as follows:

- Existing Committee Member Clyde Bevan has accepted the position of Vice President.
- Robin Bevan and Mararet King have accepted the positions of Committee Members.

We thank these members for accepting Committee responsibilities and wish them well in their new roles.

91 QUEENS RD RENOVATIONS

During the Christmas break, Hurstville City Council refurbished the Senior Citizens Centre at 91 Queens Rd.



So that our computer room could be painted and re-carpeted, we had to completely clear the room. Most of the computer equipment was moved up to the Annexe on 9 December 2013 by members of the Technical Group.

The members pictured below returned on 13 January 2014 to move the equipment back again. Thanks to everyone who participated. Our computer room now has a clean and fresh feel.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Frank Grosz will be our guest speaker in February. Frank will demonstrate how to make backup copies of video DVDs using DVD Shrink.

Last month, Geoff Turton demonstrated some features of Windows 8.1.

In recognising the need to compete in the mobile computing market, Microsoft chose to develop Windows 8. Unlike Apple, who designed an operating system specifically for their iPad and iPhone mobile computing devices, Microsoft produced a single operating system for use in desktop, laptop and mobile computers.



This design decision had the potential to alienate many of their existing Windows 7 users - and it did!

While users still have to adapt to the Windows 8 start screen tiles, new Windows 8.1 options can make it feel more like Windows 7.

BACK TO 1943

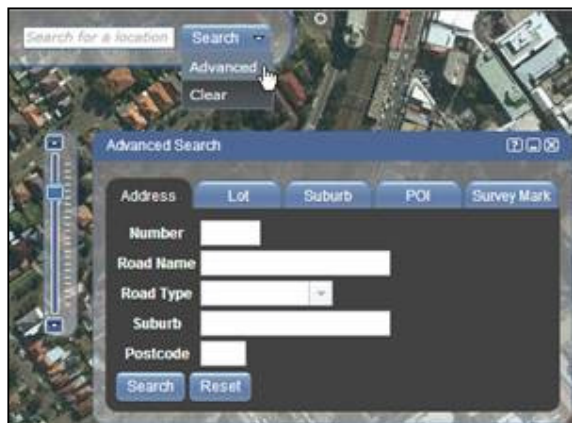
Since Google Maps became available online in 2004, there have been amazing advances in this product. We now take street view and simulated 3D aerial views of a location for granted.

The NSW State Government has also embraced the latest aerial mapping techniques to provide an excellent online source of NSW land and property information at maps.six.nsw.gov.au.

A fascinating feature of this site is the ability to transition between how Sydney locations appear in an aerial view now and how the same locations appeared in 1943.

Here's how it works:

1. Go to <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au>
2. Click the down arrow on the search button in the top left corner of the window, then click on the *Advanced* option.



3. Enter the required address details, then click on the *Search* button.

4. To set up the 1943 view, click on the *Basemaps* button in the top right corner of the window, then click on *Looking for 1943 imagery?*

5. Click on *Sydney 1943 Imagery* to select it as background.

6. Drag the slider down to transition from the current aerial view to 1943 imagery and step back 70 years in time - amazing!



The following images show the transition between images for the two high schools and TAFE, with St George Hospital, along the Princes Highway at Kogarah and Moorefield Racecourse.

Now



Then



(Thanks to Fred Scott for drawing attention to this site)

STAY SMART ONLINE

The Australian Government provides an excellent information service that warns of the latest online threats and scams and useful tips on how to avoid them.

You can either visit the site at <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au> or register to receive regular emails from



Recent alerts have included:

- Beware of Valentine's Day scams,
- Malware called "Chewbacca" is targeting Point of Sale computers,
- Yahoo! Mail accounts breached, change your password,
- Cold call computer virus scams now also targeting mobile devices.

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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Lilly O'Brien
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 MARCH

Have a great day!

Peter	Miners	2-Mar
Robin	Bevan	6-Mar
Ilma	Bishop	9-Mar
Eve	Kletzmayr	9-Mar
Harry	Doorn	10-Mar
Allan	Gault	11-Mar
Graeme	Gavin	13-Mar
Judy	Carr	14-Mar
Vince	Blayney	16-Mar
Jean	Peters	21-Mar
Joyce	Pickup	27-Mar
Francis	Brown	28-Mar
Ted	Barnett	30-Mar
Teresa	Wall	30-Mar

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