

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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“keeping up with our grandchildren”

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our November meeting will be our last meeting for the year. It will be the traditional Christmas gathering with a bit of fun, including refreshments and door prizes. All members are invited and especially those who are not usually able to attend our monthly meetings.

We would like to wish all members a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year, particularly to our dedicated Committee, Tutors and Group Leaders who will certainly be looking forward to a little R&R. Hopefully we will all return in the New Year feeling refreshed and filled with renewed enthusiasm.

Our first monthly meeting for the New Year will be on Wednesday, 28th January 2015.

Head Tutors and Group Leaders will let you know when their classes are scheduled to finish for this year. Classes will resume during the first week in February 2015.

Attendees at the November Gmail course run by Lilly O'Brien and assisted by Mervyn Larsson.



Mervyn Larsson, Lilly O'Brien, Barbara Grimley, Julio Martinez and Ted Grimley

GUEST SPEAKER

Christmas festivities will replace a guest speaker at our November meeting.

Dr Yatin Mahajan and PhD student **Simone Simonetti** were our guest speakers in October.



Yatin outlined some of the auditory research work undertaken at the University of Western Sydney's MARCS Institute and described how brain function changes as we age.

The Institute is always looking for Seniors to participate in their research projects. So, if you would like to get involved, contact Yatin by phone at 02 9772 6678 or visit <http://marcs.uws.edu.au>.

Simone is researching how recognition of emotion in facial expressions changes across a lifespan. The area of the eyes is more expressive of negative emotions while more positive emotions are conveyed by facial expressions around the mouth. Older people are better at recognising positive emotional facial expressions and tend to pay less attention to negative ones.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Mervyn Larsson is an accomplished craftsman and he will have a selection of his distinctive hand-crafted wooden pens available for purchase at our Christmas party.

IN MEMORIAM



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

The wit and wisdom of our dear friend and colleague are sorely missed.

"To teach is to learn twice"
Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)

ALT + F4

As Microsoft operating systems have evolved, there are many keyboard shortcuts that have been retained in successive versions of Windows. If you are familiar with some keyboard shortcuts, transition to a new operating system becomes easier. They can be particularly useful when changing to Windows 8.1.



Simultaneously pressing the **Alt** and **F4** keys on the keyboard is a convenient way to close any open windows, including Windows 8 and desktop-type apps.

When the desktop is visible, pressing **Alt+F4** displays the options to *Shut down*, *Sleep* or *Restart* your computer.

SHORT COURSES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

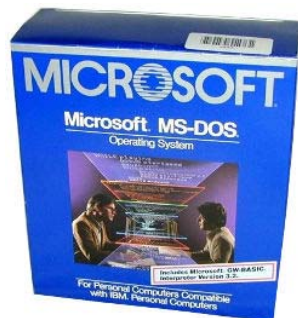
1. **"Windows 7 Desktop & File Management"**
on 4 consecutive Mondays from 9:30am - 10:30am, commencing on 9 February.
Contact: Marilyn Richardson.
2. **"File Management Using Windows 7"**
on 3 consecutive Fridays from 1:00pm - 2:00pm, commencing on 13 February.
Contact: Marilyn Richardson.
3. **"Excel Spreadsheets"**
on 6 consecutive Wednesdays from 1:00pm - 2:00pm, commencing on 4 February.
Contact: Geoff Turton.
4. **"Digital Image Editing with Picasa"**
on 4 consecutive Thursdays from 2:00pm - 3:00pm, commencing on 5 February.
Contact: Geoff Turton.
5. **"Introduction to Gmail for Beginners"**
on 4 consecutive Mondays from 11:00am - 12:00pm in Feb - Mar. Dates to be advised.
Contact: Lilly O'Brien.

COMPUTING IN NOVEMBER

On **4 November 1952**, CBS News borrowed a UNIVAC computer to make a scientific prediction of the 1952 presidential election, a race between Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson. The computer's analysis of early returns showed an easy victory for Eisenhower, but newscasters Walter Cronkite and Charles Collingwood were wary of the machine's accuracy, as opinion polls predicted a landslide victory for Stevenson. They postponed announcing the UNIVAC prediction until it became clear that Eisenhower would, indeed, win.



On **6 November 1980**, Microsoft signed a contract with IBM to create an operating system for the new IBM PC. The PC ignited the personal computer market, making home computers popular among more than just hobbyists. Microsoft co-founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen developed the Microsoft Disk Operating System, commonly known as MS-DOS, using existing software from a Seattle company as a foundation.



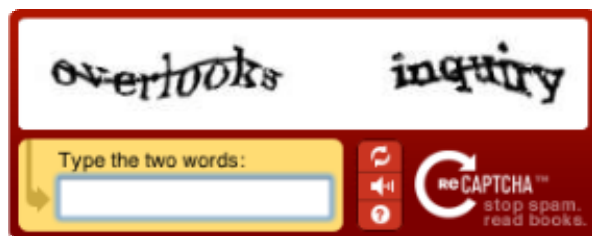
Source: <http://www.computerhistory.org/>

CAPTCHA

CAPTCHA is an acronym for "**C**ompletely **A**utomated **P**ublic **T**uring test to tell **C**omputers and **H**umans **A**part". The trademark is registered to Carnegie Mellon University.

Technically a CAPTCHA is any problem or test displayed by a computer that, in theory, is beyond the capabilities of current computational technology to figure out in a reasonable amount of time, and yet something that is relatively easy for an actual human being to understand.

The most common forms of CAPTCHA are visually distorted letters where the user is instructed to type in the letters displayed. This type of analysis is currently practically impossible for computers to perform. CAPTCHAs are most frequently used to prevent automated programs from creating new accounts at various services, or to prevent automated programs from sending spam.



CAPTCHAs based on reading text, or other visual-perception tasks, prevent blind or visually impaired users from accessing the protected resource. However, CAPTCHAs do not have to be visual. Any hard artificial intelligence

problem, such as speech recognition, can be used as the basis of a CAPTCHA. Some implementations of CAPTCHAs permit users to opt for an audio CAPTCHA. Other implementations do not require users to enter text, instead asking the user to pick images with common themes from a random selection. Reference: <http://www.captcha.net/>

TECH PREDICTIONS FOR 2014

In December 2013, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) presented their top 10 predictions for tech trends in 2014 at <http://tinyurl.com/lfpvvg>. The announcement was based on articles appearing in the IEEE Computer Society journals and magazine.

Text from these documents was also used to generate a word cloud which tends to highlight themes in the text by giving greater prominence to words used more frequently.



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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

PATRON	Mervyn Lynch OAM
PRESIDENT	Pamela Samuels
VICE-PRESIDENT	Clyde Bevan
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	Marilyn Richardson
Tuesdays	Margaret Butt
Wednesdays	John Shortland
Thursdays	Geoff Turton
Fridays	Shirley Boxhall

Technical - Advanced and Basic	Ted Crichton
<i>Mondays at the Annexe</i>	

Digital Imaging Group	Geoff Turton
<i>First Tuesday in the Clubroom 1.30pm</i>	

Genealogy	John Shortland
<i>Second Wednesday at the Annexe 1.00pm</i>	

Web Design Group	Fred Scott
<i>Third Wednesday at the Annexe 1.30pm</i>	

Video Editing Group	Ted Barnett
<i>Friday Annexe 9 - 10.30, 11 - 12.30</i>	

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BIRTHDAY BOYS and GIRLS for DECEMBER & JANUARY

Have a great day!

Frank	Grosz	1-Dec
Mieke	Eder	3-Dec
Shirley	Ellis	4-Dec
Kevin	Everett	6-Dec
Allan	Mayo	6-Dec
Bill	Finlayson	8-Dec
Valerie	Ede	9-Dec
Catherine	Vong	9-Dec
Bruce	Peters	10-Dec
Sylvia	Moores	12-Dec
Fay	Leslie	18-Dec
Margaret	Arnold	19-Dec
Margaret	Butt	19-Dec
Margaret	Eamens	19-Dec
Bonny	Howes	20-Dec
Hazel	Blair	21-Dec
Tahereh	Amini-Amoli	30-Dec
Marcia	McRae	2-Jan
Pamela	Samuels	3-Jan
Aileen	Nixon	4-Jan
Patricia	Beggs	8-Jan
Suzanne	Denny	8-Jan
Elizabeth	Lowe	12-Jan
Margaret	De La Garde	14-Jan
Clyde	Bevan	15-Jan
Liliane	Arens	18-Jan
Rita	Whitbread	20-Jan
Betty	Gault	25-Jan
Shirley	Boxhall	27-Jan
Jean	Day	28-Jan
Mary	Sherwell	28-Jan
Denise	Hynes	30-Jan