

HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB



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"keeping up with our grandchildren"

NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY MEETING

Geoff Turton will present a "Windows 10 Overview" at our January meeting. We are now halfway through the Windows 10 free upgrade period and some members may still be wondering whether they should proceed with the free upgrade before the 29 July 2016 deadline.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that you will all find 2016 a great year for learning new skills.

I would like to remind you how important it is to keep your computers updated and frequently backed up. Although they seem to have been quiet over the holidays, the scammers will be back in full force. If you get any calls from inquisitive callers asking about your bank details, or telling you that you have a computer problem, just hang up. The Government Scam website is there for your protection at <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

Thank you to the committee members, tutors, group leaders and other volunteers who have helped out in the past year. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

I have enjoyed the Christmas Break and hope you have also. Welcome back and wishing you all a Healthy Happy New Year.

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.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Sixty seven members joined in the end-of-year celebrations at our November meeting and a good time was had by all. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to tutors, team leaders and others to acknowledge their valuable contributions to the Club during 2015.

Competitions organised by Marilyn Richardson kept members guessing on the day. Joyce Pickup correctly guessed there were 627 Smarties in a jar and Margaret Barnett's entry of 134 won her the jar of Kool Fruits. Neil Schlosz correctly identified 8 of the 12 objects shown in closeup photos. A useful range of lucky door prizes was distributed, with Fred Scott winning the main prize - a 2 TB external hard drive.



Pamela Samuels presenting Fred Scott with his lucky door prize

COURSES IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

Term One 2016. The following lessons are available on Fridays. Each 1 hour lesson runs for 5 weeks. One tutor, one student.

- **Introduction to Word Processing - Basic level.** Suitable for anyone wanting to improve their skills for writing email messages or letters.
5 Feb – 4 Mar: (2 places)
- **Using the Internet.** Learn how to easily find what you want to know on the internet and an introduction to some useful websites.
5 Feb – 4 Mar. (1 place)
- **Using Your Android tablet.** An introduction to using a tablet running the Android operating system. Note: These sessions are not suitable for Apple iPads or iPhones.
12 Feb – 11 Mar. (1 place)
- **Transferring photographs from your camera to a computer.**
12 Feb – 11 Mar. (1 place)

Contact Marilyn Richardson on mail@sydneyoz.com or 0407462282. Leave a message if no answer.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Family Tree Maker Workshop**

"Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated"

There is still plenty of life left in the old girl, and while support from the manufacturer will officially end on 31 December 2016, the program will continue to run for many years to come. While ever people keep using the program there will always be support from groups such as the HSCC workshops.

Fred Scott's next FTM workshop will be held on **Wednesday 3 February** at 1:00pm in the Annexe, which is entered via the door to the left of the Civic Theatre entrance in McMahon Street. Proceed up the stairway and the computer room is on the left after the second flight of stairs.

- **Vince Blayney** is available by appointment on Mondays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Annexe to assist members having trouble with their Windows computer settings, security or maintenance. Contact Vince by email at vincessages@gmail.com to take advantage of this useful service.

Members attending Technical Group meeting - 30 November 2015



*Standing: John Lucke, Francis Brown, John Shortland, Bill Finlayson, Graeme Gavin, Geoff Smith, Barry Beggs, George Dracos, Donald Heap, Vince Blayney, Phillip Buist, Ian Cutting.
Sitting: Allan Gault, Betty Gault, Joan O'Donovan, Pam Boyle, Julie Tsiliris, Elsie Elliott, Robin Ireland, Ted Crichton.*

Tech TIPS

• BYPASS W10 LOGIN PASSWORD

If you are the only person using your Windows 10 computer, it can be a nuisance having to enter a password every time your computer starts up.

Here's how to bypass your Windows 10 login password:

- Click on Start.
- Type **netplwiz**.
- Click on the *Run command* option.
- Untick the box next to *"Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer"*.
- Click Apply.
- Enter your password to authorise automatic sign in.
- Click OK.
- Click OK again to finalise the change.

Note: This method also applies for Windows 7 and 8.1 operating systems.

These steps are shown in Youtube video <http://tinyurl.com/hgqx5kr>

GWX CONTROL PANEL

If your Windows 7 or 8.1 computer is suitable for being upgraded to Windows 10, it would have received update number KB3035583 and, if installed, this update places the GWX (get Windows 10) icon  in the notification area at the right-hand end of the task bar. If you don't want to upgrade to Windows 10 yet, removing the GWX icon and associated files can be a challenge.

However, GWX Control Panel, from <http://ultimateoutsider.com/downloads/> is a free program that can disable and remove the GWX icon and associated files and prevent your Windows Update control panel from upgrading your computer to Windows 10. GWX Control Panel is safe and easy to use and gives you the option to re-enable the icon and upgrade notifications if and when you are ready to upgrade to Windows 10.

The GWX Control Panel user guide at <http://tinyurl.com/pzzpkn8> provides a good description of the program's features and the Youtube video at <http://tinyurl.com/hbcxp4x> describes an earlier version of GWX Control Panel.



FOLLOW THE SUN

SunCalc is a handy web application available at <http://www.suncalc.net> that lets you follow the movement of the sun through the sky between sunrise and sunset from any point on earth on any day of the year. It could be useful if you are thinking about moving to another place to live.

Just select a location on the map and click on the "now" button to see the sun's current direction. By dragging the indicator on the 24 hour timeline, you can see the sun's path during daylight hours at that location.



At <http://www.suncalc.org>, there is a similar app that can also calculate shadow length.

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
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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 Ray Sarchfield

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
Third Wednesday at the Annexe 1.30pm

Video Editing Group Ted Barnett
Friday Annexe 9 - 11

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BIRTHDAY BOYS and GIRLS for FEBRUARY

Have a great day!

Ken	McRae	1-Feb
Ella	Dobbie	3-Feb
John	Ivers	8-Feb
Margaret	Barnett	10-Feb
Karen	Delfs	10-Feb
Betty	Saltmiras	13-Feb
Elaine	Kosh	15-Feb
Marjorie	Penny	17-Feb
Pam	Boyle	20-Feb
Nancye	Morris	22-Feb
Janet	Donaldson	25-Feb
Evelyn	Rogers	27-Feb

SMILE

- *My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.*
- *Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.*
- *Procrastinate Now!*
- *Ham and eggs... A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.*

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