

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc. Presidents Annual Report, August 2005

Dear Fellow Member,

This past year has seen our club achieve a number of significant milestones in the improvement of our computer workshop facilities. Members attending our computer facilities will have observed that there has been some quite noticeable improvements in them.

The Seniors Centre Management Committee arranged for the removal of the billiard table and have permitted our club non-exclusive use of the activities room.

As a consequence of this generous offer, we have been able to setup our computer workshop with eighteen (18) mobile computer work stations. Eight w/stations have the older PC's running Windows 98 and connected to our ethernet cable network and the other eight have the new PC's running Windows XP Professional and are connected to our wireless network.

A data projector and screen has also been purchased and its' use has greatly improved our ability to show members how the various PC applications work.

The club now has an excellent computer workshop in which it can conduct classes and presentations for a much larger group of members than we had been able to previously.

The Penrith Valley Seniors Centre internet web site which our club established and maintains under the management of our Webmaster Tom Lehane continues to provide upto date information about the activities of all groups that use the Seniors Centre including our own club.

Earlier this year we again submitted applications for funding grants to the Penrith LGA CDSE committee. As yet there has been no announcement by them about applications that were submitted. If we are successful, these funds will enable us to purchase new PC hardware that will replace the older PC hardware.

In closing, as I did at the last AGM, I want to reinforce to all current and past members the benefits and value of being a current member of the club. You can -

- Attend education sessions of your choosing during the next year, additional fees still apply each session and subject to attendee limits

- Attend social events such as morning teas, sausage sizzles etc.

- Get FREE help with solving your PC problems, a number of our members have saved themselves more than the annual membership fees in potential service costs.

- Discuss with other club members those PC matters that are of concern or interest to you.

- Get FREE advice/assistance in determining what type of Internet connection you need and which Internet Service Provider (ISP) to use.

- Be a volunteer and HELP other seniors with learning how to use PC's.

- Join or start up a Special Interest Group in the club, e.g., digital photography,

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genealogy, games, chatting etc.

Use the clubs PC's and broadband connection to 'surf the Internet' for a very small fee.

Continue to receive the clubs' newsletter (by email), you might even like to contribute an article to it or even help in producing it.

Contribute ideas and make suggestions about the sort of information that should be available to those that visit our Internet site - www.users.on.net/pvscc

Please invite your senior friends and neighbours to visit the club, they too can become members and enjoy the opportunity to expand their PC capabilities in the seniors friendly environment of our club.

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club will only be as good as you want it to be by you getting in and making it what you want.

Enjoy your computing and good health to you all.

Regards,

Bob Ryan
President
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