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**Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses**

<b>Mondays: 9.30am to 11am</b> Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Making a 'Scrapbook' using software., Tutor: Zillah Warner	<b>Tuesdays: 9.30am to 11am</b> Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster <b>Windows Live Movie Maker.</b> 11.30am- 1.30pm Tutor Bryan Blake
<b>Wednesdays: 9.30am to 11am</b> Using the Software ( <b>Gimp</b> ) Tutor Tom Lehane.	<b>Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am</b> <b>Card Making, Beginners and Do your own thing.</b> Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner.
<b>Fridays: 9.30am to 11am</b> <b>Memories to TV.</b> Tutors Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	<b>Fridays: Tutor Jim Tiberi</b> Class time 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Using <b>Microsoft Office suite</b>

Your special software requires a complete reinstall from the original disk/CD.

You may argue that the software came installed when you first purchased the computer. If you don't have the original install CD's then you are out of luck. A word of warning, Don't searching the internet for pirate copies or some special patches that will make a trial version work as an original. Most, if not all have imbedded viruses or malware. Once you open that patch your computer is infected.

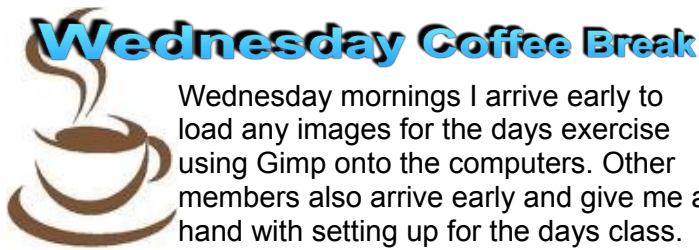
**"A Walk Down Memory Lane"** is proving to be the most popular page on both Born in the Fifties and Born in the Forties websites as the number of comments



posted is continually growing. It is interesting to read the wonderful memories posted so far as they cover a wide range of experiences growing up in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. The "Feeling Grumpy?" page is also popular as it gives everyone an opportunity to talk about what is annoying them and have a whinge. It is interesting to see what annoys others as it is often something that you find irritating as well. A "Pets" page is the latest addition to the Born in the Fifties giving everyone the chance to talk about those special members of the family who we love dearly. "Hobbies & Interest" and "Hobbies and Interests Hints, Tips and Useful Links" are two new additions to Born in the Forties which are already getting plenty of interest with some great comments now posted.

Take some time to wander through all the various pages and leave a few comments on your favourite pages. Each month a Comment is selected as the "Comment of the Month" and a small gift sent to the lucky contributor. The daily Suduko and Crossword puzzles are a good challenge and a great way to do a little mental exerise every day. You will find a treasure trove of information on the various Hints, Tips and Useful Links pages.

Born in the Fifties and Born in the Forties were created as a place online for older Australians to get together and have some fun. There is no membership required or cost involved and they are very easy to use. [www.borninthefifties.com.au](http://www.borninthefifties.com.au)



Wednesday mornings I arrive early to load any images for the days exercise using Gimp onto the computers. Other members also arrive early and give me a hand with setting up for the days class. We usually have a coffee break and talk

about software and computers in general. One of the members purchased a new computer and wanted to know why the software he copied from the old computer on to the new one didn't work.

It's a good question, as he went in to the 'Program Files' folder and copied every thing associated with that particular program.

When you install software on your computer it loads setting in the registry that defines it's location along with the registration number. Another folder is made in the registry that loads DLL (**D**irect **L**ink **L**ibrary) files that are required to make the software operate.

A good example is commercial software (like Photoshop) which places files in the Program files\Photoshop directory, but also into the Windows directory, the system32 directory, and makes dozens of entries into the registry, copying it from one computer to another is not practical.

You can safely copy your work files, Word documents, Excel files and photo files.

# Windows Live Movie Maker



The Windows Live Movie Maker class taking notes and following the mentor Bryan Blake through the process of compiling a movie file. The present class will complete this course the third week in August.

Those who missed this 8 week course or those wishing to cover any days they missed and would like a refresher course can contact Bryan Blake on 47218876 or Email

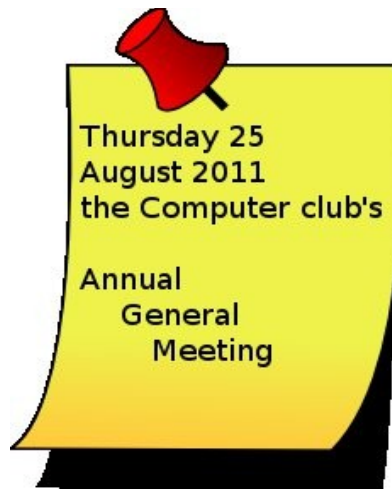
[doreen.blake@bigpond.com](mailto:doreen.blake@bigpond.com)

Remember the club can only accommodate 10 students as they only have that number of computers that can run **Windows Live Movie Maker**, which takes in those computers with Vista and Windows 7.

Calendar						
July - 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Microsoft's birthday..

MS-DOS is 30 years old on the 27 July. Well, you could say that. On 27 July 1981, Microsoft gave the name **MS-DOS** to the disk operating system it acquired on that day from Seattle Computer Products (SCP), a hardware company owned and run by a fellow called Rod Brock. SCP developed what was at various times called QDOS and 86-DOS to run on computers in 1981. The operating system has come a long way since those early days.



The Computer Club is holding its **Annual General Meeting** in the Activity Room on August 25, start time 10.00am. All members are invited to attend to support the election of the committee for 2011-2012 on Thursday **25<sup>th</sup> of August 10.00am.**

Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be provided. It's also a chance to catch up with club members that have classes on different days to the one you attend. Make a note on your calendar for **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2011**



## Beware of 'wrong transaction' hotel spam.

If you get an email message telling you a hotel has mistakenly charged your credit card account, be careful. It's part of a new spam campaign that could infect your computer.

The messages started popping up in recent days and there are already hundreds of variants on the same theme: A hotel wrongly charged a credit card number and the victim is supposed to fill out an attached form to process the refund.

"Please see the attached form. You need to fill it out and contact your bank for return of funds," read one such message, titled "Hotel Breakers Palm Beach made wrong transaction."

The 'refund' form is actually a malicious Trojan horse program that installs fake antivirus software on the victim's computer.

Any message that includes an attachment should always be treated as suspicious.

Fake antivirus software is a major annoyance. It points out bogus security problems on a victim's computer and keeps pestering them until they pay out money -- usually between \$40 and \$120 -- to buy the fraudulent antivirus product.

This notice was posted on internet news site July 28<sup>th</sup> 2011.

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