

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc

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Newsletter - No. 6- August 2004

Dear Club Members,

This is the Club's 6th Newsletter and it is an update on the previous Newsletters. It advises about past and 'Up coming events', indicates the current position of the Club, the courses that are being run and our aspirations for the future.

Newsletters are e-mailed to members who have recorded their e-mail addresses with the club and copies are available on the club notice board and from the club's Computer Room. If you cannot find one, ask a Tutor or Mentor to print one for you.

Past Events

A Web Site for the club has been prepared by one of our members Tom Lehane. The address of the Web site is www.users.on.net/pvscc. Tom has updated the site with details of some other clubs and activities that use the Seniors Centre.

The Club's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was held in the Main Hall, Penrith Valley Seniors Centre on Wednesday 28th July 2004. Our President, Bob Ryan, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. The President's Annual Report is available on our website.

The Treasurer's Annual Financial Report & Statement is available to members on request.

The out-going committee was thanked and the new committee for 2004/2005 was elected:

President Bob Ryan

Vice-President Alan Lees

Treasurer Bert Foster

Secretary Zillah Warner

5 Committee Members: Syd Bousfield, Pat Mitchell, Yvonne Doyle,
Rob Dickie, George Bell

The Guest Speakers, The Mayor of Penrith – David Bradbury and Councillor Pat Sheehy gave short inspirational speeches.

A Digital Photography Interest Group has formed. Paint Shop Pro 8 has been installed on all of our PCs and we can purchase additional copies at a discount for members ie. \$99.00. For additional details please contact:

Bert Foster At club on Tuesdays or Tel: 4754 3008 Email: bertf@ozemail.com.au
or,

Yvonne Doyle At club on Mondays & Tuesdays or
Tel: 4733 7332 Email: ydoyle@bigpond.com

The next meeting of this group is scheduled for 10th August 2004.

A Web Site Interest Group

Tom Lehane and Michael Davis are willing to start a 'Web Site interest Group' for members interested in setting up their own web sites. If you would like to know more, please contact:

Tom Lehane At club on Wednesdays Tel: 4721 5375 Email: tom.lehane@mis.net.au

Michael Davis At club on Wednesdays & Fridays or
Tel: 4732 6716 Email: marlan01@bigpond.net.au
or marlan100@hotmail.com

Genealogy Interest Group

Musical Interest Group

Michael Davis is willing to start a Genealogy Interest Group and a Musical Interest Group. If you would like to know more, please contact:

Michael Davis At club on Wednesdays & Fridays or
Tel: 4732 6716 Email: marlan01@bigpond.net.au
or marlan100@hotmail.com

Michael has the following web site dedicated to Mario Lanza.

www.users.bigpond.net.au/marlan/mario.htm

The 6th Australian Computer Seminar for Seniors will be held on 7th & 8th September 2004 at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. Further details are available on ASCCA's website www.seniorcomputing.org.

Current position of the Club

We had 238 paid members at 30th June 2004. New members are always welcome and can join at the Seniors Centre on most weekdays. Subscriptions for 2004/2005 are due and can be paid at the club.

For 2004/2005, we now have 94 financial members.

There are 54 Ladies (57%) and 40 Gentlemen (43%).

Our youngest member is 50 and our oldest member is 89.

79 members (84%) have indicated that they have computers at home.

56 members (60%) have correct E-mail addresses recorded with the club. If you have not received this Newsletter by e-mail, it means that we do not have your **correct** e-mail address.

We now have:

9 Pentium 4 (2.8GHz) PCs each with 512MB RAM, 17" Monitor (big, bright clear display), Sound (need to use your own –inexpensive- headphones – check with club before purchasing) and very fast '**Broadband**' access to the **Internet**.

2 Colour Bubble Jet Printers.

1 Laser Printer (Mono-colour).

2 Scanners. A scanner allows us to add photographs and pictures to our computer records and e-mails.

We also have a number of computer books, magazines and games that are available for loan to members.

The club's Committee is responsible for administration.

Club Committee for 2004 to 2005 :

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President	Bob Ryan	Tel: 4739 3542	E-mail: bobryan@exemail.com.au
Vice-President & Course Coordinator	Alan Lees	Tel: 4736 5541	E-mail: lbrown40@bigpond.net.au
Treasurer	Bert Foster	Tel: 4754 3008	E-mail: bertf73@tpg.com.au
Secretary	Zillah Warner	Tel: 4732 4248	E-mail: susiezil@tpg.com.au
Purchasing Officer	Syd Bousfield	Tel: 4733 3473	E-mail: jbous@optusnet.com.au
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Mitchell	Tel: 9623 4358	E-mail: patmitch@dodo.com.au
Member	Yvonne Doyle	Tel: 4733 7332	E-mail: ydoyle@bigpond.com
Member	George Bell	Tel: 4721 3681	E-mail: geoj@optusnet.com.au
Member	Rob Dickie	Tel: 4733 4004	E-mail: robsyl@zip.com.au

Please contact any committee member, if you wish to discuss club matters, or if you have any suggestions on how to improve the club.

Social Committee: Grace Selway Pat Mitchell Zillah Warner Di Leahy

Computing Courses for 2004

Beginners courses for beginners and anyone wanting to refresh their basic knowledge.

Word courses for writing letters, e-mails, stories etc.

Internet & E-mail courses for browsing the Internet, sending, receiving & storing e-mails - including scanning photographs and documents.

Publisher courses for doing art work, making cards, calendars, letterheads, notices and family trees.

Excel courses for using spreadsheets and numbers and is very useful for budgeting, keeping records of investments, inventories, taxation and club data.

'Do your own thing' courses: for example, you can buy and work through a training book for Beginners, Word, Internet & E-mail, Publisher, Excel, or you can browse the internet, send and receive e-mails, do your Internet Banking & Shopping, write your family history, or prepare your family tree, or learn to touch type. Tutors and Mentors will be present to **try and help** you when you request help.

Mondays:

9.30am to 11am - **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Alan Lees Tel: 4736 5541 lbrown40@bigpond.net.au

11am to 12.30pm **Publisher & Digital Photography course**
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 ydoyle@bigpond.com

Tuesdays:

9.30am to 11am - **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008 bertf73@tpg.com.au

11am to 12.30pm **Publisher & Digital Photography course**
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 ydoyle@bigpond.com

1pm to 2.30pm **Digital Photography Interest Group**
Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008 bertf73@tpg.com.au
Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332
ydoyle@bigpond.com

Wednesdays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 bobryan@exemail.com.au

1.00pm to 2.30pm **Beginners & Word**
(2nd Wednesday of month 3.30 pm to 5 pm)
Tutor: George Bell Tel: 4721 3681 geoaj@optusnet.com.au

Thursdays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 bobryan@exemail.com.au

Fridays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 bobryan@exemail.com.au

To enrol or make enquiries for any of the above courses, please contact the course tutor directly.

The Computer Room is available for internet, e-mail and practicing computer skills when classes or meetings are **not** being held and a club member is available and willing to take responsibility for the room.

Email: Members may send and receive e-mails on the club's PCs. But they must first either have an internet provider or join an organisation such as **Hotmail** or **Yahoo**.

Membership of Hotmail and Yahoo is free and Tutors will show you how to do this.

Internet: The Club has a very fast broadband internet connection that is a lot faster than a home dial-up internet connection – so come in and make the most of it!

Computing Tips

Some members now have experience in choosing, connecting to Broadband, installing firewalls and getting rid of viruses. If you want help with any of these things, come into the club or send the club an email and someone will try and help you.

The Sydney Morning Herald site smh.com.au/technology/icon shows many useful websites in an article entitled 'Look at us now'.

Club Fees and Charges:

The Club's current schedule of fees and charges is attached at the end of this newsletter for your information. A copy is also on the Club's notice board.

Notice Board

There is a notice board outside the club Computer Room. This shows the courses that are being run, meeting dates, equipment availability etc. From time to time we receive notices of various computer events for seniors that you might be interested in attending, these are also placed on the notice board for your information. Members can use it for anything that may be of interest to other members.

Volunteers

Our present tutors and mentors are:

Tutors: Bob Ryan, Alan Lees, Bert Foster, Yvonne Doyle, George Bell.

Mentors: Shelia Bates, Liz Page, Elka Illy, Zillah Warner, Pat Mitchell, Janis Johnston, Rob Dickie, Des Jenkins, Tom Lehane, and Michael Davis.

We still need volunteers who are prepared to give 2 hours of their time each week to act as Tutors, Mentors, Interest Group Facilitators and Computer Room Supervisors.

We also need a Publicity Officer and a Newsletter Editor for the club. Members are encouraged to submit items of interest to the committee for publishing in the Newsletter. If you wish to become a volunteer, please advise any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors.

We are looking for good inexpensive training material for all courses. If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please contact any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors.

If you or your friends have surplus **computer** books or magazines they will make a great addition to our modest reference library. Please advise any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors if assistance is needed in transporting them to the club.

PVSCCI Committee

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SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES

Effective 1st August 2003

Club Membership:

Joining Fee - \$10.00

Annual Fee - \$20.00 1st July xx to 30th June yy

NOTE: 1st years annual fee is calculated at \$1.65/mth for each full calendar month remaining in current membership year. Month in which you join is free.
Joining & Annual fees are not refundable.

Training Sessions:

Session - \$2.00 per training session

Internet use - \$1.00 **extra per training session**

Training materials – booklets, notes, folders etc – \$cost is dependant on course subject.

Use of Computer Facilities:

Computer - \$1.00/hour includes access to Internet for surfing only, downloading files is not included.

File download \$2.00/file in addition to computer charge, file size limit is 3MB

Printing:

Mono - \$0.10/page single side includes std A4 paper
(black) \$0.15/page double sided

Colour - \$0.30/page single side only includes std A4
paper

3.5" disk - \$1.00/each
& CD's

