



**Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc.**  
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**Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses**

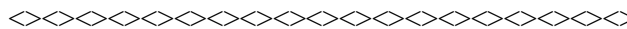
<b>Mondays 9.30am to 11am</b> Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner <b>11.00 am to 12.30 pm</b> Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner	<b>Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am</b> Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster
<b>Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am</b> Using the Software Tutor Tom Lehane	<b>Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am</b> <b>Card Making</b> , Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner
<b>Fridays: 9.30am to 11am</b> <b>Memories to TV</b> . Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	Using <b>Microsoft Office suite</b> Fridays Tutor Jim Tiberi Class time <b>11.00 am to 12.30 pm</b>

**Seniors Centre will be closing from 11th December 2009**

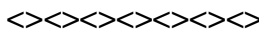
**The last computer club class will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
**Computer club classes will restart Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010**



Remember club's Christmas party will be held on Thursday 17th December in the Dining Room, 11am to 1.30pm. *The Christmas Party is free and open to friends.* Raffle tickets will be sold and prizes drawn on the day to add to the fun. The menu is Barbeque and side salad.




**The President, George Bell,  
 Committee members...  
 Wish all club members and their  
 families a very merry Christmas.**



**WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER.**


This program is supplied free with Windows XP and is an easy program to use. Like all software there are a few tricks to get the best from the program.

All modern digital cameras have the ability to take video movies. Some of the early SLR digital cameras the video feature was absent. The Nikon D50 was one of those cameras. The manufacture felt if you wanted to take video then you purchased a fully featured video camera. But they found customers needed the video feature for that



unexpected event.

**Starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 Bryan Blake will be conducting a class on using Windows Movie Maker. Start time 11.00am to 12.30pm**

So over the Christmas break select  **Movie** mode and take some videos.

A two gigabyte Memory Card will hold 25 minutes of video with sound at 640x480 high quality video. Some cameras use higher compression and can store up to 1 hour of video with sound at a standard 30 frames per second.



Remember back in the standard 8mm movie camera days you only had 3 minutes of filming at 15 frames per second and with no sound. But you managed to squeeze a short story in that time frame, so try out your video mode and come along to Bryan Blake class and learn how to use Windows Movie Maker to edit your video.

**Course Outline:**

At the completion of the course members, will be able to create a movie using Windows Movie Maker.

**Duration:**

Course would be of five to six weeks duration. To be run 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2010. This will allow time to advertise the course and assess numbers, (Follow up course can be organised if required)

## Agenda:

Week	Subject	Time	Remarks
1	What is Windows Movie maker	1 - 1.5 hour	Movie maker Interface
2	Import	1 - 1.5 hour	Import photo clips and audio files
3	Timeline and Story Board	1 - 1.5 hour	Create a Timeline with clips, audio, transitions and effects
4	Editing	1 - 1.5 hour	Add titles
5	Create the Movie	1 - 1.5 hour	Add Title page and credits publish the Movie
6	spare	1 - 1.5 hour	

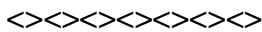
## Tutor:

Bryan Blake will run the course from his own Notebook. Local photos of the Penrith / Blue Mountains area will be provided as well as audio clips for the course project.

## Students:

Maximum 12 (*Depends on the number of computers available*).

12 would be ideal (More will be consider depending on computer numbers).



## Australians pay more for Windows 7.

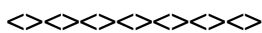
Retailer have called on Microsoft to change its international pricing policy for Windows 7 operating system to allow it to compete with

retailers potentially sourcing genuine copies of the software from markets where retail prices for Windows 7 are set at less than half those in Australia.

The deepest concern for retailers is potential parallel imports from China. There, consumers can pick up **authentic copies** of Windows 7 Home Premium for \$120 while the same product in Australia carries a \$300 price tag.

A Microsoft spokeswoman confirmed that the Windows 7 software sold in China was "fundamentally the same" as copies sold in Australia.

Microsoft said its pricing decisions were influenced by a number of factors including exchange rates and local taxes and market conditions. But the main thrust of their argument appears to be that Chinese consumers can't afford to pay more.



## Using Google's Search Page.

**Note, in the text a plus, minus and full stop sign (+) (-) (.) Are referred to as switches.**

This is a code used in the DOS (Disk Operating System days).

## Using Google to Search the Web.

Google internet search engine looks very tame with a simple home page search entry.

There are many options to refine your search.

If you are looking for information on an entertainer, for example, you seen perform at the club the other night and you type in his name, **Johnny Pace**.

Clicking the search button will bring up 2,150,000 results. That's because Google finds every Johnny, John and Pace on it's data base in the world.

One of the listing might read "***This tells me Johnny's swim pace is 1:46 per second***". Not the results you were looking for.

To refine your search for Johnny Pace place quotations like "**johnny pace**" **au** (**add a space and type au**) as shown in the bold text.

This informs Google to search only for Johnny Pace and refine the search to Australia.

The result is 911 listings of johnny pace.

If you use the + (plus) switch as shown below to find what Johnny Pace does then your

search results are refined down to 197 listings.

**"johnny pace" au +comedian**

When you use the plus switch (+) on a word make sure there is no space, Example +comedian.

*Note, Google will except entries in either upper or lower case as shown when searching for Johnny Pace.*

You may find there are PDF (portable document files) but you only want his web page.

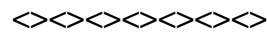
By placing a minus (-) in front of any information you don't want, Google will eliminate it from the listings.

Example -pdf.

The search would be .....

**"johnny pace" au +comedian -pdf**

you can use as many plus (+) an minus (-) as you like to refine your search.



The sincerest sympathies from all members at Penrith Valley Seniors Computer Club are extended to the family of Darel Mullen who passed away on October 29th 2009. Darel was one of our founding members. In the early years he enjoyed assisting new members learn how to use various programs on the club computers. Due to failing health Darel could not continue with his beloved hobby.

He continued to receive our club newsletter and was proud to see the club grow from it's early beginning of just 9 secondhand computers and had great satisfaction being associated with the organization that helped start the club.

"He takes unto Himself those He loves."

*(The editor apologizes for the late notice, as the November newsletter had already been posted)*



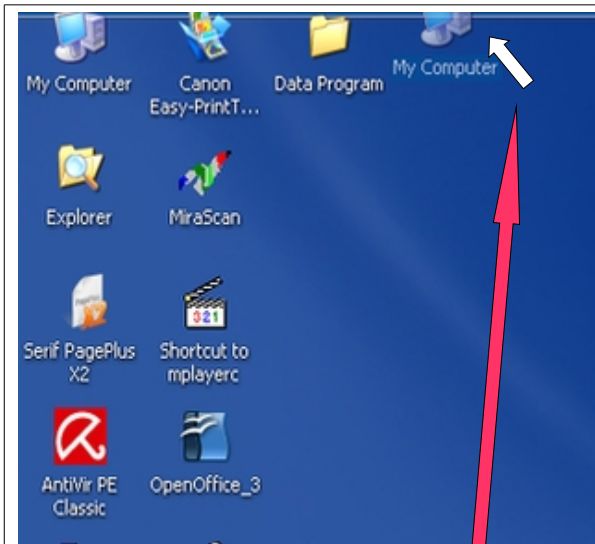
# Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

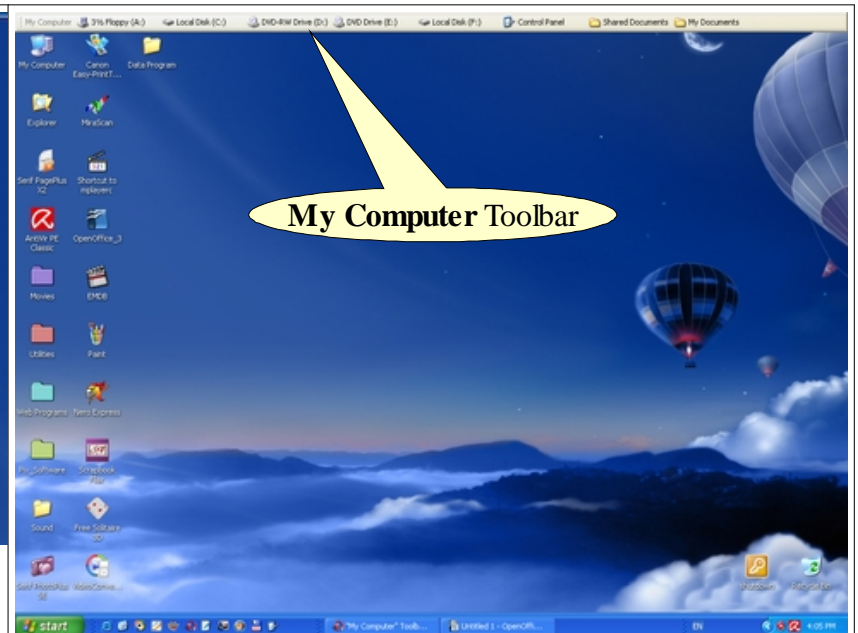
## My Computer Toolbar

There are many hidden features in Window XP that are not documented, making a **My Computer Toolbar** is one of those undocumented features.

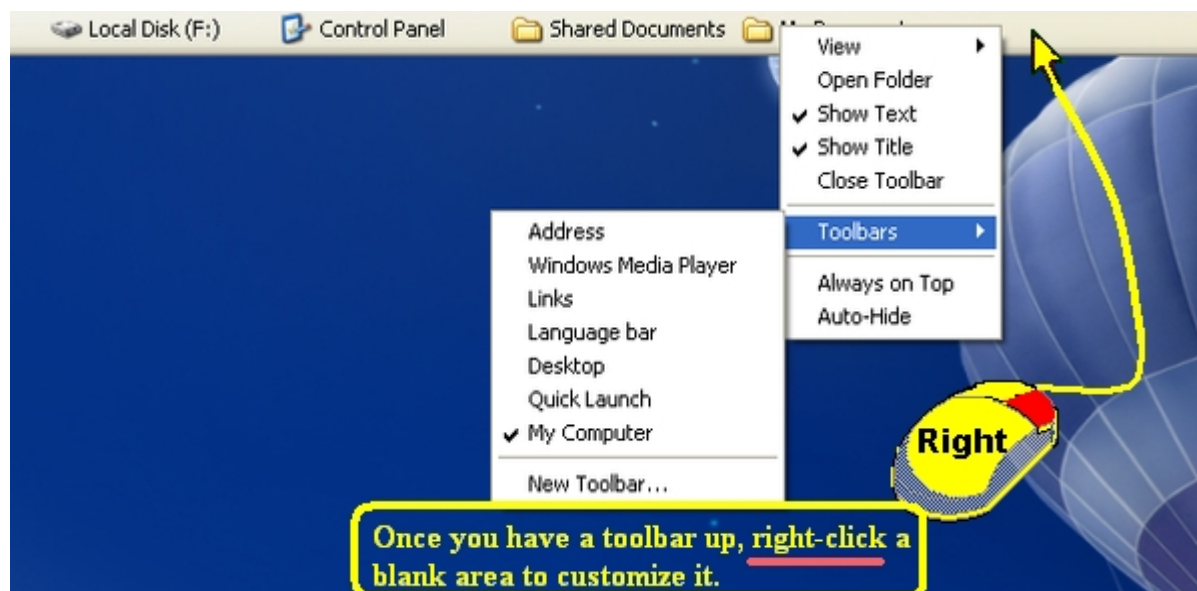
To create this toolbar, **left click** and drag your "**My Computer**" icon to the very top edge of your desktop then release your left mouse button. If you were close enough to the screen edge, you'll get a "My Computer" toolbar.



**Left click** and drag your "**My Computer**" to the very top edge of your desktop.



When at the very top edge of your desktop release your left mouse button. A new toolbar will display with the normal My Computer icons.



Once you have a toolbar up, right-click a blank area to customize it.

You can specify large or Small icons by moving the mouse over **View** or whether you want a description of each item or not (**show text**), and if you want the **title** "My Computer" to be visible (**Show Title**). If you decide you don't want this toolbar, just choose "**Close Toolbar**".

Moving to **Toolbars** option you can show all your Quick Launch icons but the main purpose is to show My Computer.

You can hold down your **CRTL** key while clicking one of the items on your new "My Computer" toolbar, you'll get a list of what's in the folder / drive.