



# Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc

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### Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

<b>Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners &amp; Do your own thing.</b> Tutor: Zillah Warner <b>11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner</b>	<b>Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners &amp; Do your own thing</b> Tutor Bert Foster
<b>Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software.</b> Tutor: Tom Lehane	<b>Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making, Beginners and Do your own thing.</b> Tutors Pat Mitchell , Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner
<b>Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV.</b> Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	<b>'Do your own thing' means learn Word, Publisher and Excel or browse the Internet.</b>
<b>Digital Camera club: 4th Tuesday of the month. Start Time 12.00 noon to 1.30pm.</b>	 Genealogy class Wednesday 1.00 pm. : next 2nd July. Please note: Genealogy class held fortnightly.



The Computer Club will hold its Annual General Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> of August at 10.30am in the main hall.

*Committee members voting forms are now available. Anyone wishing to make nominations for members on the Club Committee for 2008 to 2009 should be forwarded to the Secretary 14 days before the meeting. Nominations forms are available from class tutors, any of the committee members and are also available at the attendance register table.*

All members are invited to attend to support the election of the committee for 2008-2009. Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be provided. It's also a chance to catch up with club members that classes are on different days than the one you attend.



**If you have not paid your Annual Fees, \$15.00 By June 30th 2008 then you are un-financial.**



President George Bell and Vice-President Alan Lees has arranged a guest speaker from the NRMA to give a one hour presentation about Driving on behalf of the NRMA.

Frank Higgins, the NRMA presenter has given many talks to various groups on a variety of motoring subjects, covering topics on caring and maintenance on your car through to senior road users. His topic at our presentation will cover Roads and road rules - cars and car safety, safer driving tips, pedestrian issues, health issues, mobility alternatives, the older driver license tests, the impact on fellow road users.

This seminar will be of interest to drivers and non drivers, family and friends are cordially invited to attend. **The NRMA presentation will be held in the main seniors centre hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2008, commencing at 10.30am and will run for about one hour, may run overtime for question asked.**

After the NRMA seminar the computer club will give a Power Point presentation on the activities and facilities available at the club.

Digital photo competition for 2008 run by Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) is accepting entries now up until the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Camera club members and all other Penrith computer club members are encouraged to enter their photos into this competition. Entry forms categories the information are available at the attendance table.



Camera Club. Subject, Macro photography.



Some Email users in my class ask, 'Why do I get so much spam and junk mail'? How did the find my Email address?

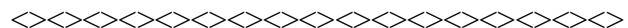
One of the biggest traps are petitions Emails where they prompt you to add your name and Email address, then send the petition to 10 of your friends.

What all these types of e-mails are doing is collecting names and Cookie tracking information for telemarketers and spammers that can then validate active e-mail accounts for their own purposes.

Any time you see an e-mail that says forward this on to '10' of your friends.

Add to this petition, or you'll get bad luck, or whatever, it has either an E-mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and e-mails. You forward the email to friends, plus the host sender receives a copy without your knowledge. Each time it gets forwarded it's able to get lists of 'active' e-mails to use in spam e-mails, or sell to others that do.

Once they have your E-mail address its passed or sold to junk or internet spam mail marketers.



Each year in November the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) hold their annual general meeting they also invite clubs associated with ASCCA to enter into four club competitions - Digital Photography, Club Newsletter, Club Website and Creative Writing.

The Club Newsletter and Club Website section of the competition usually only cover for a particular person, the newsletter editor and the webmaster.

To make the competition open to all club members they included Digital Photography and Creative Writing. The Digital Photography section has proved very popular. The Creative Writing was added in 2007 and had very big entry in that year.

The Creative Writing Competition guidelines have been changed for the 2008 competition.

This year there will be three topics and you are invited to enter **one** story and/or one poem, on any, or all of the topics chosen.

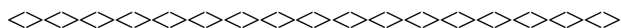
**The topics are:-**

1. **“Reaching the Summit”** This could inspire you to write about your work, a sporting achievement, a time when you were immensely proud of one of your children, a time when you climbed a mountain, or any other special event.
2. **“Colour”** You can write a story inspired by a colour. This could be anything at all; blue skies, black clouds; the time you were so embarrassed you had a red face.
3. **“Introduction”** We want you to **imagine** you have finished writing the story of your family and your life for future generations - and then we want you to **actually write an introduction to your life story** that will tell your descendants why you thought it was important to leave this story for them.

*ASCCA have increased the limit to 1,000 words for this year's entry. They ask that you please keep strictly within the limit of 1,000 words for each category or you story will be disqualified from judging.*

With our Genealogy and Microsoft Word classes many of you may like to try your skills in the Creative Writing competition with the experience gained from these classes.

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*The articles and comments on Spam email are not associated with The Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc or the Camera Club. Articles are intended as opinions and items of debate only.*

