

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc

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Dear Club Members,

This is the Club's 7th 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. All our Newsletters can be viewed on our club's website www.users.on.net/pvsc.

The latest ASSCA Newsletter can also be viewed on the ASSCA website www.seniorscomputing.org.

Past Events

We have received cash donations from:

Penrith Panthers to purchase new computer desks including an adjustable desk suitable for a wheelchair. Six of the new Computer Desks have been installed so far.

Leonay Golf Club to purchase a wireless network system that will allow us to move computers around more easily.

A New OKI C5200 Colour Printer has been purchased and installed.

Future Events

The Club's Christmas Party 2004 will be held at 11am to 1.30pm on Thursday 16th December 2004. All club members and their partners are welcome. There will be raffles, free sausage sizzle and drinks. Non-perishable Donations for the raffles can be left in the Computer room.

Christmas Holiday Closure: The Penrith Valley Seniors Centre and the Computer Club will be closed from Saturday 18th December 2004 until Sunday 16th January 2005. The Centre and Club will be open again on Monday 17th January. Classes start again on the 31st January 2005.

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

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:

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Tom Lehane At club on Wednesdays Tel: 4721 5375
Michael Davis At club on Wednesdays & Fridays or Tel: 4732 6716

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

Michael has the following web site dedicated to Mario Lanza.
www.users.bigpond.net.au/marlan/mario.htm

Current position of the Club

There have been no recruitment drives this year. But we have 113 paid members from last year's members and from 'word of mouth'. New members are always welcome and can join at the Seniors Centre on most weekdays. There are 67 Ladies (59%) and 46 Gentlemen (41%). Our youngest member is 50 and our oldest member is 90. 97 members (86%) have indicated that they have computers at home. 60 members (54%) 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, 80GB H/disk, 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**.

1 OKI C2500 Colour Printer.

1 Colour Bubble Jet Printer.

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
Vice-President	Alan Lees	Tel: 4736 5541
Treasurer	Bert Foster	Tel: 4754 3008
Secretary	Zillah Warner	Tel: 4732 4248
Purchasing Officer	Syd Bousfield	Tel: 4733 3473
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Mitchell	Tel: 9623 4358
Member	Yvonne Doyle	Tel: 4733 7332
Member	George Bell	Tel: 4721 3681
Member	Rob Dickie	Tel: 4733 4004

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: Pat Mitchell Zillah Warner Yvonne Doyle

Computing Courses for 2005

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-

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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

11am to 12.30pm **Digital Photography course**
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332

Tuesdays:

9.30am to 11am - **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bert Foster Tel:4754 3008

11am to 12.30pm **Digital Photography course**
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332

1pm to 2.30pm **Digital Photography Interest Group**
Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008
Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332

Wednesdays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542

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

Thursdays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542

Fridays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542

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 Internet providers, connecting to Dial-up and 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 Australian **Senior** monthly newspaper, that is available 'free' at the club and at many chemists, always has an interesting article called 'Keys to Computing with George Kimpton'. In the November edition he recommends the following websites:

www.microsoft.com/athome/default.msp .
<http://office.microsoft.com> .

He also advises that Harvey Norman and Harris Technology stores offer Senior Computer Club members Microsoft software at academic prices. Members would have to show their Membership Badges. If you need a badge, tell Alan Lees or leave a message in the computer room or on the notice board.

Our club web site: www.users.on.net/pvsc list many useful search engines and it is also linked to a site that shows the weather conditions all over NSW.

Club Fees and Charges:

The Club's current schedule of fees and charges are unchanged and are available on our website. 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: Liz Page, 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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