

# Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc

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## Newsletter - No. 5- June 2004

Dear Club Members,

This is the Club's 5th 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

**TechnoSeniors Expo/Seminar** was held as part of Seniors Week in the Penrith Senior Citizens Centre on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2004. It was sponsored by the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA). About 150 visitors attended and twenty of them joined our club. We now have 233 paid members. There were speakers on using computers, recording Family History and Internet Banking and promotions by several organisations promoting their services in the use of technology. There was also a sausage sizzle.

**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](http://www.users.on.net/pvscc). It is an excellent web site. Give it a try!

### Up coming events

The Club's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held in the Main Hall, Penrith Valley Seniors Centre on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004. Only financial members for 2004 to 2005 may attend and vote. Subscriptions for 2004 to 2005 are due on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004. But can be paid now i.e. \$20 for existing members and \$30 for new members.

We will have morning tea at 10 am and the AGM will start at 11.00am. The Mayor of Penrith, David Bradbury, will open the meeting.

There will be:

The President's Report

Treasurer's Report

All Club Executive positions will be declared vacant i.e. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, 3 Committee Members Voting for the new committee.

**A Digital Photography** Interest Group has formed. Paint Shop Pro 8 has been installed on some of our PCs. We can purchase additional copies at a discount for members. For additional details please contact:

Bert Foster At club on Tuesdays or Tel: 4754 3008 Email: [bertf@ozemail.com.au](mailto:bertf@ozemail.com.au)

or,

Yvonne Doyle At club on Mondays & Tuesdays or  
Tel: 4733 7332 Email: [ydoyle@bigpond.com](mailto:ydoyle@bigpond.com)

The next meeting of this group is scheduled for 1pm on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## **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](mailto:tom.lehane@mis.net.au)  
Michael Davis At club on Wednesdays & Fridays or  
Tel: 4732 6716 Email: [marlan@pnc.com.au](mailto:marlan@pnc.com.au) or  
[marlan100@hotmail.com](mailto:marlan100@hotmail.com)

We have plans for setting up a web site for the **Seniors Centre** that could cover all the Centre's clubs and activities:

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club  
Association of Independent Retirees (Penrith Branch)  
Penrith Bridge Club  
Penrith National Seniors Association  
Penrith Older Women's Network Inc.  
Penrith Seniors Dance Club Inc.  
Older Men – New Ideas  
Heart Moves - Exercises  
Penrith Seniors & Pensioners Club Inc.  
Bluegum Social Group  
Indoor Bowls  
Snooker  
Cards  
Craft  
Dutch Social Group  
German Social Group  
Singing Group  
Musical Group  
Yoga

## **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: [marlan@pnc.com.au](mailto:marlan@pnc.com.au) or  
[marlan100@hotmail.com](mailto:marlan100@hotmail.com)

Michael has the following web sites [www.pnc.com.au/~marlan/mario.html](http://www.pnc.com.au/~marlan/mario.html) dedicated to Mario Lanza also [www.pnc.com.au/~marlan/wagner/wagner.htm](http://www.pnc.com.au/~marlan/wagner/wagner.htm) a site outlining the stories and the characters from Wagners Opera's The Ring of the Nibelungs.

## **Sad Farewell to one of our Founding Fathers**

Frank Bawden who helped to start and run our club will be moving house to the Central Coast in the next few weeks. The committee thanks Frank for all the time, energy and expertise that he spent in getting the club up and running. Frank tutored the Question & Answer sessions on Thursday afternoon and mentored on Monday morning. We hope that there is someone else in the club who has similar expertise to Frank and who is willing to tutor Question & Answer Sessions.

## **Welcome Back Zillah**

Zillah Warner has returned from a 3-month holiday in the UK. She mentors on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and is on the Social Committee. We are looking forward to some more entertaining social functions.

## **Current position of the Club**

We have 233 paid members. New members are always welcome and can join at the Seniors Centre on most weekdays. Subscriptions for 2004/2005 can now be paid at the club. There are 152 Ladies (65%) and 81 Gentlemen (35%). Our youngest member is 50 and our oldest member is 89. 170 members (73%) have indicated that they have computers at home.

77 members (33%) 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 committee will return our original 9 PCs to ASCCA so that they can be used for setting up a new computer club.

The club's Committee is responsible for administration.

**Club Committee:**

President	Bob Ryan	Tel: 4739 3542	E-mail: <a href="mailto:pvscc@internode.on.net">pvscc@internode.on.net</a>
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Treasurer	Alan Lees	Tel: 4736 5541	E-mail: <a href="mailto:lbrown40@bigpond.net.au">lbrown40@bigpond.net.au</a>
Secretary	Bert Foster	Tel: 4754 3008	E-mail: <a href="mailto:bertf73@tpg.com.au">bertf73@tpg.com.au</a>
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Assistant Treasurer	Syd Bousfield	Tel: 4733 3473	E-mail: <a href="mailto:jbous@optusnet.com.au">jbous@optusnet.com.au</a>
Assistant Secretary	Pat Mitchell	Tel: 9623 4358	E-mail: <a href="mailto:patmitch@dodo.com.au">patmitch@dodo.com.au</a>
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Member	Frank Bawden	Tel: 9623 7237	E-mail:
	<a href="mailto:mx125251@bigblue.net.au">mx125251@bigblue.net.au</a>		
Member	Yvonne Doyle	Tel: 4733 7332	E-mail: <a href="mailto:ydoyle@bigpond.com">ydoyle@bigpond.com</a>

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 and taxation.

**'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](mailto:lbrown40@bigpond.net.au)

11am to 12.30pm **Publisher course**  
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 [ydoyle@bigpond.com](mailto:ydoyle@bigpond.com)

**Tuesdays:**

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

11am to 12.30pm **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course & Publisher course**  
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 [ydoyle@bigpond.com](mailto:ydoyle@bigpond.com)

1pm to 2.30pm **Digital Photography Interest Group (commencing 20<sup>th</sup> July)**  
Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008 [bertf73@tpg.com.au](mailto:bertf73@tpg.com.au)  
Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332  
[ydoyle@bigpond.com](mailto:ydoyle@bigpond.com)

**Wednesdays:**

9.30am to 11am **Internet & E-mail course**  
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 [bobryan@exemail.com.au](mailto:bobryan@exemail.com.au)

1.00pm to 2.30pm **Beginners & Word**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month 3.30 pm to 5 pm)  
Tutor: George Bell Tel: 4721 3681 [geoaj@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 join an organisation such as **Hotmail** or **Yahoo** and obtain an ID. This membership is free and Tutors will show you how to do this.

**Computing Tips**

Some members now have experience in connecting to Bigpond 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.

**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, Frank Bawden, Bert Foster, Yvonne Doyle, George Bell.

**Mentors:** Shelia Bates, Julie Gillies, 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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003

### Club Membership:

Joining Fee - \$10.00

Annual Fee - \$20.00 1<sup>st</sup> July xx to 30<sup>th</sup> June yy

**NOTE:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

