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Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & do your own thing 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics (Digital Editing).	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & do your own thing 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics (Digital Editing).
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & do your own thing. Class at 1pm to 2.30pm has tuition on internet email and word-processing.	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners, Card Making and do your own thing.
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & do your own thing.	

Visit the clubs web page for training courses www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm



Some members have expressed interest in building a web site of their own. In the early days of the Wide World Web (WWW.) making a web page required knowing how to write a special coded language, called **HyperText Markup Language** or **HTML**. As the name implies it was a text based language that could be read or loaded onto any type of computer. This was achieved because in the early development of computers, designers realised they needed a basic code for characters and numbers so information could be transferred between computers of other makes. A standard form of code was put forward in 1963 and finalized in 1968. This was developed by an institute called **American Standard Code for Information Interchange** and became known by the acronym **ASCII**. All makes of computers adopted this standard making it possible to have one type of computer language for the Wide World Web.

You still need a program to interpret the ASCII code for the computer to display a web page and this is your Web Browser. Making a web site using this

text base language would take a deal of study to understand the many token HTML code. There are many programs like Desk-Top publishing software that writes this code in the background and you only need to arrange your text and images on the screen.

Many of the later versions of word-processing software will compile or save your page as a web page. Found in **File** <Save As> or in the case of Microsoft Word the option is **Save As a Web Page**.

Two Wednesdays of the month Tom Lehane (Club Webmaster & Newsletter Editor) will give interested members tuition on building a web page using **What You See Is What You Get (WYSIWYG)** software.

The software is free and members can take the program home and work on their web page with the comfort of their own computer.

Contact bluecap200439@yahoo.com.au for information.

Special note to members:

As from October 1st club use of computers will be \$3.00 per session. The extra \$1.00 was added due to additional increase cost experienced by the club over the last 12 months. The new fee now includes Internet access.

Power User Account

When Windows XP Professional was installed on the clubs computers an Administrator account was setup to protect the operating system from virus attack and other hijacking software.

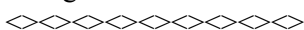
A Club account was set up for every day club use. This account prevented the installation of software for demonstration or class use on that day. Allowing anyone to work in administrator mode with the clubs broadband internet connection would place the computers open to attack from some new virus.

Our President George Bell suggested a Power User Account which permitted the installing and removing of software in that account only but also restricts any access to the systems vulnerable operating files, this includes any trojan attack and other risks.

George and his taskforce team have now setup a Power Users account for classes requiring the installation of demonstration software on all the XP system operating computers.

The club is planning future guest speakers to demonstrate software on individual computers and with the Power User account the XP computers don't require opening the Administrator account and placing the operating system in a vulnerable position.

This also makes it possible for the Wednesday class 'Using the Software' to resume.



This is like the case of an early virus program that another displeased computer programmer compiled. While working for a large company, hearing a rumor that when he had completed his work on the companies payroll program he was to be made redundant.

So he entered a section of code that when his final redundancy payment was made the program would start destroying it's self. (Ended up in court)

Computer Radio Talk Shows.

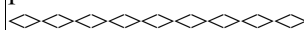
There are two excellent radio talk back programs on Sydney radio stations.

On 2RPH Tuesdays at 9:30pm a show called **COMPUTALK**—Byte-size pieces of computer bits, goes to air with discussions about computers and software, reading articles from local and over seas magazines and newspapers.

The program is repeated on Friday 2:30pm, so if you miss the Tuesday program you can catch the repeat.

2RPH – is found between 2CH and 2SM on the AM Band.

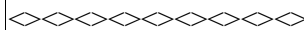
The other radio talk back program is on radio station 2GB, Thursdays at 10:00pm-11:00pm called **Chip for Brains** computer show with Tim Dean/Mike Jones. Discussions include Windows operating systems latest software and question time where listeners phone in with their computer problems.



The club applied for a grant to purchase nine new computers with monitors, keyboards and a mouse for the nine computers. The grant has been approved and the supplier notified. They should be ready for delivery before the end of September.

About three will come with a DVD burner and the others will have a DVD & CD reader but only a CD burner. Members will now be able to burn their photo albums to DVD and make a slide show with the software installed on the clubs' computers.

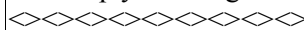
The Thursday morning class from 9.30am to 11 am now includes making video CDs of your digital photos. The software used is 'Pictures to TV' which makes a slide show of your images with beautiful image transitions and added music.



Backing up files, like checking for computer viruses is something that every personal computer owner should routinely perform, but often neglect until it is too late. One folder that should be backed-up or copied (burn) onto a CD is your digital photos. If the computer crashes or the hard drive (C drive) fails then you may have lost all your images.

Hard drives are a mechanical devise and just like your refrigerator, dishwasher or washing machine they will wear out one day and fail. Hard drive can fail due to a spike in your electrical supply. Spikes or power surges can occur due to a car accident, car hitting a power pole. This unpredictable incident can happen anytime.

Back-Up your image folder to-day.



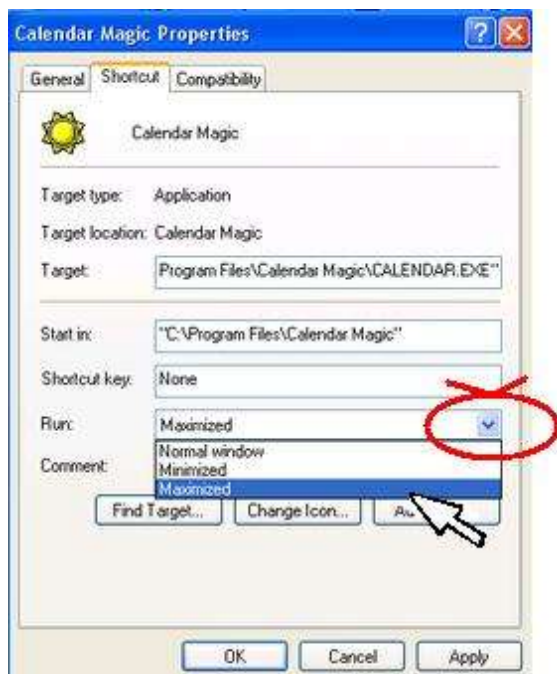
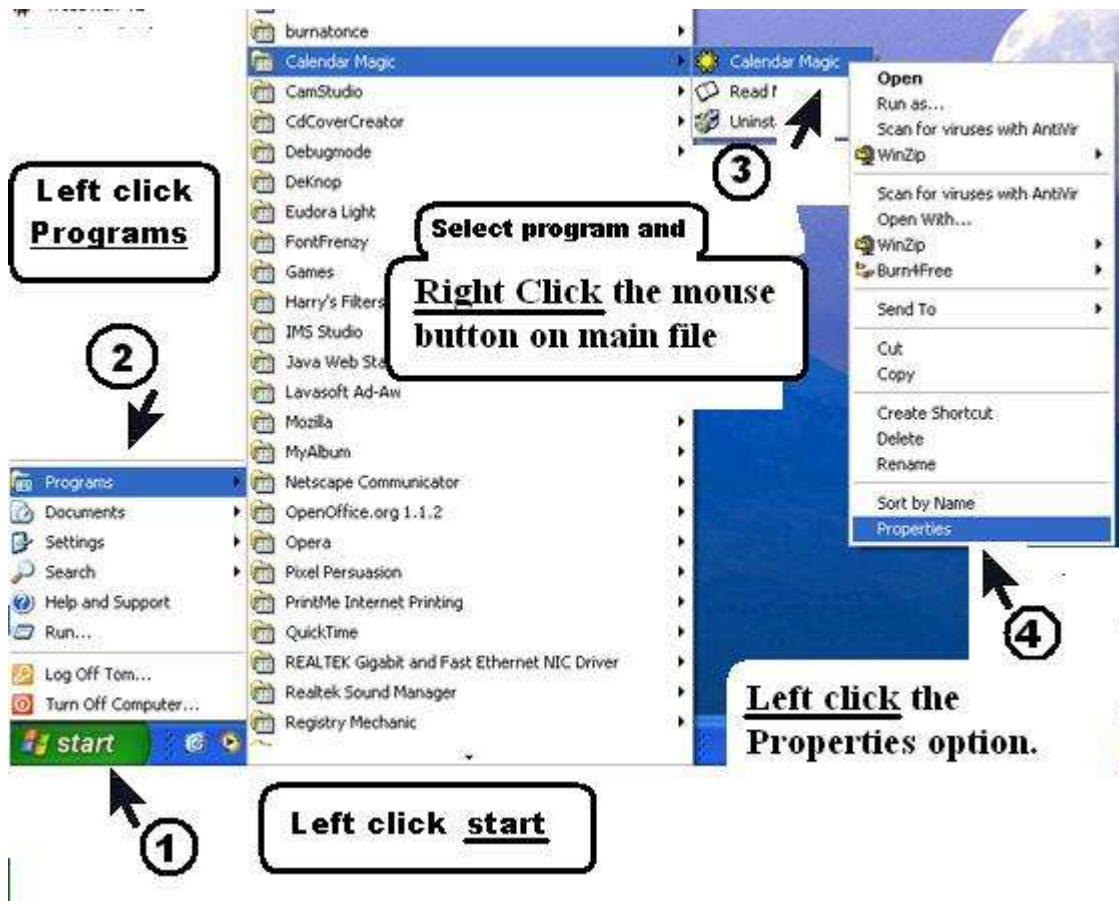


Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

One of your programs always opens in the reduced size. Some software often choose this format as the default. You can change the default to open in Maximum by following the example below.

If there is a ShortCut on your DeskTop for that program, just select the DeskTop icon and Right click the mouse button and follow Items (5) to (9) in the Properties Options.



Follow the example above to navigate to your program.

1. Left click start.
2. Programs
3. Select the program.
4. Right click the mouse button on the main program.
5. The option menu on the left opens. Left click Shortcut tab.
6. Move the mouse pointer down to Run:
7. Left click the down arrow.
8. Click on Maximized.
9. Click Apply then OK.