

Newsletter - No. 9 - June 2005 Newsletter Editor Tom Lehane

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Please contact any committee member, if you wish to discuss club matters, or if you have any suggestions on how to improve the club.

Our previous Newsletter editor, Alan Lees is taking a well earned rest. Alan handled the job with professionalism and has given me a challenge to keep up the standards. I will endeavor to follow the format in past bulletins.

**A reminder that members' subscriptions of - \$20 - for the 2005/2006 year are due by 1st July.**

As the present committee year draws to a close anyone wishing to make nominations for Club Committee for 2005 to 2006 should be forwarded to the Secretary by 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2005. Nominations forms are available from class tutors or any of the committee members.

Committee nomination forms are also available on the club notice boards. The new committee will be voted in at the club's Annual General Meeting to be held in the Centre's main hall at 10:30am on Wednesday 17th August, 2005.

The club's 9 Pentium 4 (2.8GHz) PCs each with 512MB RAM, 80GB H/disk, 17" Monitor now have **Windows XP** operating system installed, (Software donated by Microsoft Australia). The club has fast 'Broadband' access to the Internet. As well as the new PCs, we have 8 older PCs on Windows 98 also on fast 'Broadband' access to the Internet.

The PVSCCI have many computer courses for beginners and those with more experience. The courses cover many subjects of interest. The **Card Making** class on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11am can assist with the design of Birthday cards, Children Party invitations, party sweet baskets, party hats, Wedding invitations, Table placement cards both for parties or weddings. Add your own personal touch for any of these special occasions.

Tutors: Pat Mitchell & Zillah Warner will assist you with your design using special Card Making software. Use the club's colour printer to print your cards. Club members are welcome to attend Thursday morning classes.

Digital cameras with their ease of use have almost replaced the traditional film cameras we once treasured. Up loading your snapshots to the computer and deleting the images not required is a luxury we never had before. Some treasured photos may require editing to remove an object that was not noticeable at the time when taking the photo. A pole or post in the background that appears to be part of the person or red-eye from the camera's flash.

Also old damaged photographs and painting can be repaired. Use the club's colour printer to print your repaired photos. Graphics (Digital Editing) is on at 11am to 12:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, our tutors will assist with editing of your images using PaintShop Pro 8.

Purchasing computer magazines to read about the latest news or operating system and obtaining tips on it's use is very helpful. Most now come with a cover CD full of software. What does all this software do and how can I use it? This was a question asked by our Wednesdays class. **'Using the Software class'** has tutoring on the use of programs. The class uses a selection of free software that is of use to those attending.

Learning how to use the software gives the member confidence on using similar software. There is no cost involved in obtaining this software other than the cost of the CD - which can be obtained from the club on that day (cost \$1.00) or bring your own (save a \$1.00). This way each participant in the class can take the software home and all demonstrations on it's use can be repeated, using the photocopy hand-outs. Some of the subjects already covered are: Using WinZip, How to Burn a CD, Image Management for digital cameras, Windows Paint program, making a Panorama picture and backing up your LP record collection to burn on to a CD. Using the Software is on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.00am

**Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses**

<b>Mondays:</b> 9.30am to 11.00am Beginners & do your own thing	<b>Mondays:</b> 11.00am to 12.30pm Graphics (Digital Editing)
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 9.30am to 11.00am Beginners & do your own thing	<b>Tuesdays:</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm Graphics (Digital Editing)
<b>Wednesdays:</b> 9.30am to 11am Using the Software	<b>Wednesdays:</b> 1pm to 2.30pm Beginners, Internet & Email
<b>Thursdays:</b> 9.30am to 11am Card Making	<b>Fridays:</b> 9.30am to 11am Beginners & do your own thing

Visit the clubs web page for training courses ..... [www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm](http://www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm)

**E-mail [pvscc@internode.on.net](mailto:pvscc@internode.on.net)  
or phone the centre on 4721 0609**

**Club Statistics**

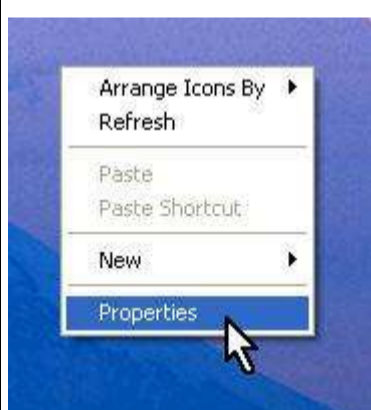
154 paid members. 92 Ladies and 62 Gentlemen  
 99 members have computers at home.  
 72 members have E-mail addresses recorded with the club.



**Coffee Break** [Question on Software or Operating System](#)

When the computer is left on but not in use, the unchanging image on the screen can be burned into the face of a cathode-ray tube monitor. The newer, thin, flat-screen monitors are not affected by this. To prevent this damage, you can choose to use a screen saver, which constantly changes the image on the screen when the computer is not in use. Windows XP provides a number of alternative screen savers you can use. **How to Change your Screen Saver**

With Windows XP displaying the DeskTop, move to a blank area of your DeskTop and **Right Click** the mouse button.



**The desktop context menu will open  
Left click Properties option.**

Left click the **Screen Saver** tab.

Click on the down arrow to make a new selection. The example below is a Slideshow of your own pictures. Click on Slideshow and a preview will show. The images are chosen by default of pictures in My Pictures folder.



In the My Pictures Screen Saver Option menu change the settings to your preference or use the **[ Browse ]** button to choose a new folder with your pictures.



Click OK and return to Display Properties menu and click Apply then OK and close.  
 Task Completed

Our Vice-President Alan Lees received this letter from The University of Sydney.

**Research into Older People and The Internet**

Researchers at The University of Sydney are conducting an exploratory study about older peoples use of the Internet (OPTI). The research team from the School of Behavioural and Community Health Sciences includes Associate Professor Cherry Russell (Chief Investigator), Dr Ian Hughes & Dr Andrew Campbell (Associate Investigator) and myself Ms Maree Porter (Research Assistant). For the first stage of the project we are looking for participants to complete a brief, anonymous online questionnaire. They should be people who use the Internet for any purpose and are:

1. Aged over 55 years (no upper age limit)
2. Not working full-time
3. Australian residents

We are seeking reciprocal links with other relevant websites. For those that agree to place a link to our project on their website, we would place a link to their website on our Links page. Any publications generated from data will include acknowledgement of your contribution. If you think your members might be interested in participating, and/or know someone who might be, more information is online at [www.fhs.usyd.edu.au/arow/opti/](http://www.fhs.usyd.edu.au/arow/opti/).

Please feel free to visit the website and to pass this request on to another person. The project has the approval of the University's Human Ethics Committee. For more information please go to our website at [www.fhs.usyd.edu.au/arow/opti/](http://www.fhs.usyd.edu.au/arow/opti/) ] or contact Associate Professor Cherry Russell at The University of Sydney on (02) 93519129.

Regards,  
 Maree Porter



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**LOW COST INTERNET SERVICES FOR AUSTRALIA'S AGED, VETERANS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

About 250,000 aged, Veterans and people with disabilities throughout Australia will have access to a low cost Internet service thanks to a partnership arrangement negotiated by Technical Aid to the Disabled, Australia.

The partnership will enable the aged, veterans and people with disabilities to go online at the vastly cheaper rate of only \$5.50 a month. Such internet services usually cost \$30 to \$40 a month.

"Normally the cost of such access is beyond the reach of many of people with disabilities, Veterans and the aged and their carers. However, this agreement will provide a wonderful new range of opportunities for people to improve their quality of life and their independence," said John O'Neill, Executive Director of Technical Aid to the Disabled in the ACT.

The dial-up service to be provided by ISPOne includes no setup fee, unlimited downloads and flexible contract arrangements.

"It will be fully supported and available to people with a Disability Support Pension, a DVA Entitlement Pension and an Aged Pension Card, and of course to TAD clients," O'Neill said.

Technical Aid to the Disabled is a national not-for-profit organisation that aims to improve the quality of life, and independence of people with disabilities and the aged, through the application of technology, and the work of volunteers.

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