

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc

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Newsletter - No. 2 - August 2003

Dear Club Members,

This is the Club's 2nd Newsletter and it is an update on the 1st Newsletter. It 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. Attached to the e-mailed PVSCCI August Newsletter is the ASCCA August Newsletter – you will need Adobe's Acrobat Reader on your computer to be able to view or print it.

Back copies of the ASCCA Newsletters are available at www.seniorcomputing.org

Copies of Newsletters are available from the club's Computer Room. If you cannot find one, ask a Tutor or Mentor to print one for you.

Up coming events

The 5th Australian Computer Seminar for Seniors is being held 10 & 11 September 2003, full details are attached at the rear of this newsletter.

A 'How to do Internet Banking' presentation by the Commonwealth Bank will be conducted in the main hall of the seniors centre at 10.00am on Wednesday 27th August 2003, full details are attached at the rear of this newsletter.

Current position of the Club

We have 138 paid members. New members are always welcome and can join at the Seniors Centre on most weekdays.

There are 89 Ladies (64%) and 49 Gentlemen (36%).

Our youngest member is 51 and our oldest member is 84.

97 members (70%) have indicated that they have computers at home.

41 members (30%) 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 have:

9 PCs with fast '**Broadband**' access to the **Internet**; and

1 PC that is not connected to the Internet.

1 Colour Printer.

1 Laser Printer (Mono-colour).

We hope to soon have an operational **Scanner**. We have the parts. Now we have to put them together. A scanner will allow 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:

President	Bob Ryan	Tel: 4739 3542	E-mail: pvscc@internode.on.net
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Treasurer	Bert Foster		
Committee Member	Grace Selway		
Secretary	Di Leahy		
Course Coordinator	Frank Bawden	Tel: 9623 7237	E-mail:
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Purchasing Officer	Syd Bousfield		
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Mitchell		

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

Computing Courses

We are running some courses differently now that most of our members have completed the 'Beginners and Word' courses. At the '**Do your own thing**' classes, for example, you can buy and work through a training book for Beginners, Word, Internet & E-mail, Publisher, Excel, or you can 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.

'Do your own thing' Classes:

Mondays:	9.30am to 11am.	Tutors: Frank Bawden and Alan Lees
	11am to 12.30pm	Tutors: Alan Lees and Yvonne Doyle
Tuesdays:	9.30am to 11am	Tutors: Bert Foster and Yvonne Doyle
	1pm to 2.30pm	Tutors: Bert Foster and Yvonne Doyle
	2.30pm to 4pm	Tutors: Bert Foster and Yvonne Doyle
Wednesdays:	3.30pm to 5.00pm.	Tutors: Geoge Bell and Zillah Warner
Thursdays:	9.30am to 11am	Tutor: Bob Ryan
	11am to 12.30pm	Tutor: Bob Ryan
Fridays:	9.30am to 11am	Tutor: Bob Ryan

Publisher Classes:

Publisher is a program for making designs and can be used for making Cards, Calendars, Letter Heads, Family Trees etc.

Mondays:	1pm to 2.30pm	Tutor: Yvonne Doyle
Tuesdays:	11am to 12.30pm	Tutor: Yvonne Doyle

Internet & E-mail Classes:

Wednesdays:	9.30am to 11am	Tutor: Bob Ryan
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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, Yahoo** and obtain an ID. This membership is free and Tutors will show you how to do this.

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.

Interest Groups

Members have expressed interest in special 'Interest Groups' such as Genealogy, Digital Photography, Computer Craft and Computer Games. However, we need volunteers to start these groups.

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 which 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.

Social Activities

Several members have put forward a suggestion that we hold a regular (monthly??) social event for all members to attend. The event would take the form of a casual daytime sausage sizzle or whatever, at which everyone could mix, mingle, meet and chat about (computer??) interests etc. If you think this is a good idea or not, please let the committee know either way so that we can get it underway or forget it, whatever!!!!

Useful Websites

Members are enjoying browsing the Web using the Club's **broadband** (much faster than dial-up) connection. Many useful sites are being discovered and added to our 'Favourites' list. One recent site added is an Australian government site that assists you to locate your **missing funds** such as super, bank accounts or life insurance etc (for free!!!). Come on in and use our computers to search the Web for anything that you might be(come) interested in, it is **cheap & fast**. Members can obtain a copy of the club's 'Favourites' list, just bring in a floppy (3.5") disk and ask one of the tutors/mentors to copy the list on to it for you (if you don't know how yourself).

Volunteers

Our present tutors and mentors are:

Tutors: Bob Ryan, Alan Lees, Frank Bawden, Bert Foster, Yvonne Doyle.

Mentors: Alan Lees, Shelia Bates, Julie Gillies, Liz Page, Elka Illy, Zillah Warner, George Bell, Pat Mitchell, Patricia Donahoe, Janis Johnston, Rob Dickie and Darel Mullen.

Bernie Carveth has had to stop tutoring while there is illness in his family. We wish Bernie and his family a speedy recovery and hope he will return soon.

Darel Mullen has had the great misfortune to suffer a stroke and is currently in the Nepean hospital, Ward 5A Room 21. We wish Darel all the best and hope his recovery is quick and look forward to his return to the club in the near future.

We 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, a Newsletter Editor and a Website Designer 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** equipment (less than 4 years old), furniture, books or magazines, please advise any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors and we will arrange collection, if necessary.

PVSCCI Committee

PENRITH VALLEY SENIORS COMPUTING CLUB Inc.

SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES

Effective 1st August 2003

Club Membership:

Joining Fee - \$10.00

Annual Fee - \$20.00 1st July xx to 30th June yy

NOTE: 1st 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.

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

5th Australian Computer Seminar for Seniors
10 & 11 September 2003 – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm daily
Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High Street, Hornsby

Be a Switched on Senior
Enjoy fun and friendship as this seminar
Opens Doorways on the Internet

Cr. John Muirhead, Mayor of Hornsby will be the keynote speaker for Day two of the Seminar. There will be eight speakers each day and they will be exploring different ways to use the Internet.

Speakers include: **Terry Asla**, Director of Resource Development, Larksfield Place Retirement Community, Wichita, Kansas, USA; international doctoral candidate, Charles Sturt University, who will introduce you to *I, Witness to History: "Saving Libraries, Cheating Death: Preserving and Publishing the Life Stories of Older People"*. **Malcolm Moore**, ASSCA Development Manager will convince you that "Broadband isn't Expensive.", and **Bobbi Mahlab**, Publisher of *Get Up & Go, Travel Guide for Seniors* will take you travelling.

A special discount is being offered to Seniors Card holders.

Seminar fees will be :

\$60 for one day,	\$30 for ASSCA club members	\$50 for Seniors Card holders
\$90 for two days,	\$45 for ASSCA club members	\$80 for Seniors Card holders

The Hornsby RSL Club is within walking distance of Hornsby Railway Station.
Morning tea, lunch, welcome bag & lucky door prizes included in cost.

For further details please contact ASSCA at 9286 3871 or
ascca@seniorcomputing.org

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Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High Street, Hornsby

Registration form:

Complete and post with your cheque, to ASSCA, Level 4, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Name: _____

Address _____ p/c _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Seniors Computer Club _____

Seniors Card Number (non club members) _____

Please tick the day/days you wish to attend:

Day 1

\$60 (\$30 for ASSCA club members; \$50 for Seniors Card holders) \$ _____

Day 2

\$60 (\$30 for ASSCA club members; \$50 for Seniors Card holders) \$ _____

Both Days

\$90 (\$45 for ASSCA club members; \$80 for Seniors Card holders) \$ _____

Attach an Adaptive Technology Seminar voucher for a \$10 discount less \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please register me for the 5th Australian Computer Seminar for Seniors. A cheque payable to ASSCA, is attached.

Signed _____

Penrith Senior Citizens Centre

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc has arranged for the Commonwealth Bank to give a presentation on:

*** How to do Internet Banking**

The presentation will be at:

10am on Wednesday 27th August.

Shown below are details of the presentation:

- * Presentation is free.
- * Presentation is open to **any senior.**
- * Presentation is facilitated by a retired Commonwealth Bank staff member.
- * The Bank does not attempt to sell any of its products or services - this is purely a community based educational program.
- * Presentation lasts approximately one hour, including general questions and where possible - video demonstrations.
- * A full range of brochures are provided.
- * Giveaways are also supplied.

If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list on our Club's notice board or contact Alan Lees on 4736 5541 or eMail leebrown@tpg.com.au ASAP