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7th Australian Computer Seminar for Seniors

This year's Seminar will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW on 13 & 14 September, 9am - 3pm daily. A range of excellent speakers have confirmed that they will be at Bankstown to speak on topics from Webcams, VoIP, family history, digital photography, Pod casting to computer house-keeping and more.

The Seminar will be officially opened by the Mayor of Bankstown, **Cr. Helen Westwood**.

The speakers include **Peter Huta**, Manager, Community Connectivity, Access Branch, Information Economy Division, Dept. of Communications, IT and the Arts; **Lamaan Whyte**, Darwin Seniors Computer Club; **Alison Cleary**, Director, Client Information, Office for an Ageing Australia, Department of Health and Ageing; **Fiona Burn**, National Archives; Interactive Communications Panel - **Maureen LeBlanc**, Managing Director, MLB Consultancy; **Peter King**, ASCCA Director & member of Computer Pals for Seniors, Newcastle; **David Bennett**, ASCCA Director & member of Computer Pals for Seniors, Northern Beaches; **Scott Kuru**, Customer Service Manager, Telsra; *Connecting with Computers*, DEST DVD presentation; **Wanda Day**, Computer Pals for Seniors Holroyd; **Greg McClure**, LifeStories Radio.

Registration for one day will be \$75 and \$100 for two days. Holders of a Seniors Card who are not club members will receive a \$10 discount. Cost includes morning tea and lunch in the Greenfield Station bistro.

A special low registration cost for ASCCA Club members has been made possible by grants received from Department of Communications, IT and the Arts, Department of Education, Science and Training and Department of Health and Ageing towards the cost of running this seminar.

Registration forms and brochures are available from our website: www.seniorcomputing.org

For further details contact Margaret, Jim or Peter on 02 9286 3871 or email office@seniorcomputing.org

Join the Email Update facility on the Seniors Portal

Email updates are sent out when ever a new page is created on the Portal; For instance a reminder has gone out to say that a new Living History topic has been created; *Born in the Great Depression*, and there are already stories sent in by community members. Do you have something to contribute?

It may be advice that there is a new page in the main content area such as *Personal or Medical alarms*. You can also pick the categories that you would like updates for, such as, Your Lifestyle, Your Work etc.

The home page also has a *Latest Additions box* which will highlight the newest pages in the main content area. The link to sign up is: <http://www.seniors.gov.au/internet/seniors/publishing.nsf/Content/Email+Profile+Enter+Email>

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Another 10th Anniversary

Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches celebrates its tenth anniversary this month.

Congratulations!

They were the auspice for the 1st Australian Computer Seminar for Seniors which was held at the Menzies Hotel, Sydney in March 1998.

Copyright booklet online

The Federal Attorney-General's Department has updated its copyright information booklet *Copyright Law in Australia: a short guide*. The 25 page guide covers general questions about copyright law and supplies contact details for copyright organisations.

It includes a standard copyright notice and basic steps copyright owners should take to protect their work. It is available in pdf at <http://www.ag.gov.au/copyright/shortguide>
From Australian Society of Authors Newsletter No.5 2005

Too Many Tool Bars?

Maybe you have a Google Tool Bar or maybe Yahoo. If you want access to these tool bars but don't want them cluttering up your Web page view Go to **View/Toolbars** & untick the toolbar/s you don't want displayed. To turn it on again, just go back in and re-tick it.

Let's Go Digital!

Nan Bosler, President of ASCCA will have the pleasure of welcoming the Hon. Grant McBride, Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Central Coast, who will officially open the 2005 Residential Workshop and Marie Andrews MP, Member for Peats on the first day of the workshop which will be held at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy on 8th & 9th August 2005.

Guest speaker at the Let's Go Digital dinner to be held on 8 August at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, will be Dr G.E. (Tommy) Thomas. In 1945 Tommy commenced a three-year undergraduate course in the Physics Department of Manchester University. In the adjacent department of Electrical Engineering a team of wartime boffins led by Professor F.C (Freddie) Williams conceived and constructed the world's first stored programme electronic computer which ran its first programme on 21st June 1948. Tommy joined that team in 1948 and started a lifetime career in the construction and utilisation of digital computers. Tommy will describe the major landmark developments in which he has participated and what challenges lay ahead.

There are only a few spaces left for the workshop. The registration fee is \$95 for club members, including lunch and refreshments, and will commence at 9 am Monday August 8th until 12 noon Tuesday. Go to www.seniorcomputing.org for full details. Accommodation, which is not included in the fee, is available at nearby motels. The dinner is \$35 a head. Bookings can be made for the Workshop and/or dinner by contacting 02 9286 3871 or office@seniorcomputing.org

Celebration!

SeniorNet Association Inc. Ipswich, Queensland, recently celebrated their 10th Anniversary. There is a wonderful display of photographs and information on the club's website – follow the link to view their celebration page.

<http://www.seniornet.com.au/Excursions/Ten%20Year%20Celebration/SeniorNet%2010%20years/htm>

Maritime History Website

Mori Flapan, developed an interest in boats as a youngster and has given valuable time as a volunteer with the Sydney Maritime Museum (now known as the Sydney Heritage Fleet). As he researched information for the restoration of old boats he located a lot of interesting information and eventually decided to begin a register. He has now established a website.

According to Mr. Flapan, the aim of his website is to record the history, details, references and existent material of all significant Australian and New Zealand ships and boats and to provide an incentive for people to restore and preserve their historic boat.

The website, www.boatregister.net will be useful to maritime historians and archaeologists, boat owners, genealogists and even art historians.

From an article by John Morcombe, The Manly Daily, 27/7/2005

Welcome to ACMA

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is responsible for the regulation of broadcasting, radio communications, telecommunications and online content and was launched under its new name on 1 July 2005.

Go to: <http://www.acma.gov.au/ACMAINTER.1900860:LANDING:768345098:pc=ACMA>

From CTN WebNews Edition #65

Big Button Multi-Purpose and Cordless home phones

Telstra has launched two new home phones with giant buttons designed especially for older customers and customers with a visual impairment. The Big Button Multi-Purpose and Big Button Cordless home phones feature buttons that are double the size of those on standard home phones to make dialling numbers less of a challenge for some of the estimated half million Australians with a vision impairment.

Telstra developed the new phones in consultation with Telstra's Disability Equipment Program Consumer Advisory Group, and included features that its customers identified as being most useful. The Big Button Multi-Purpose phone features a hands-free function and is available at no additional cost to the standard monthly phone rental for eligible customers with hearing, speech, vision, mobility or dexterity impairment, including older people through the Telstra Disability Equipment Program. A cordless version of the phone can be purchased from Telstra Shops or Telstra Licensed Shops for \$79.95.

The new big button home phones are examples of the extensive range of products and services available through Telstra's Disability Equipment Program that caters for the 20 per cent of Australians with a disability. To find out more about the new big button home phones, or for more information on Telstra's Disability Equipment Program phone 1800 068 424 or visit www.telstra.com.au/disability

The Difference between Downloading, Uploading and Installing

Downloading - This is moving a file that's on the Internet (or over a network) onto your computer. For most of us, downloading is just a matter of clicking a download link on a web site and saving the file to disk

Uploading - This is the opposite of downloading. With uploading, you take a file from your computer and send it to a computer on the internet (or a computer / server on a network). Usually this is done with an FTP client, but some web sites you'll come across will allow you to send files to them with your web browser.

Installing - This is often confused with downloading, but it is different. When you install something, you basically "put" the program on your computer so you can use it. Normally this is done via a setup program or "wizard" to make installation easy. Once you're finished installing a program, you can usually run it from your Start Menu, Programs area.

From Westlakes CCN # 202

Beware Scams!

According to Reuters, Elderly Americans are losing millions to Internet Scams each year. Older consumers reported being defrauded of more than \$43 million last year through internet scams, with on-line auctions topping the complaints list.

If you want to find out how to minimise the chances of falling victim to com artists, request a copy of the *Seniors' Guide* from the Office of Fair trading by ringing **13 32 20**.

This booklet provides useful information and advice on a range of consumer issues relevant to seniors.

Pass on this Newsletter

Pass on this issue of the **ASCCA** newsletter by printing copies for distribution, or make a list of all your club members with email addresses and forwarding it.

The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website, www.seniorcomputing.org

You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of **ASCCA** is required.

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DIARY



August
8 & 9

Residential Workshop, Everglades Country Club,
Woy Woy. *Let's go Digital!*

Sept
13 & 14

7th Computer Seminar for Seniors
Bankstown Sports Club,
Interactive Communications

Nov 10

ASCCA Annual General Meeting
Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney
Winners announced for Best Newsletter,
Best Website and the Digital Photography Awards

Have you visited the **ASCCA Website?**

www.seniorcomputing.org Webmaster: Colin Ward

New Member Clubs

Membership of **ASCCA** is open to all Computer Clubs for Seniors, Organisations with a membership of seniors, and Organisations that recognise the value of computer technology for seniors. At present **ASCCA** has more than 100 member clubs and there are many steering committees working to establish further clubs.

All member clubs are autonomous.

Welcome to our newest clubs:

#110 Mangrove Mountain Computer Club

#111 Sunshine Coast Computer Club Inc.

Membership of **ASCCA** is open to all Seniors Computer Clubs, Organisations with a membership including Seniors, and Organisations that recognise the value of computer technology for Seniors. Cost of membership is \$100 per year. Corporate Membership is also welcome.

If you fit one of those categories and are interested in joining **ASCCA** please go to our website www.seniorcomputing.org or email office@seniorcomputing.org to find out how to start a club or read some of the advantages of joining **ASCCA** if you are an existing club. You can download an Application Form.

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