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8th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors

The 8th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors will be held on Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney on 5 & 6 September 2006, 9.00 am – 3.30 pm daily. This inexpensive conference is suitable for experienced or inexperienced older computer users; professionals from organisations, Government Departments and Agencies who understand how valuable it can be for seniors to explore the satisfaction and benefits of computer technology. James Hegarty, Dept Ageing Disability and Home Care will officially open the conference on 5 September. Keynote speakers for day one will be Paul Wallbank from PC Rescue and ABC radio; and a representative from the Office of Fair Trading; Steve Lawrence, CEO WorkVentures and a speaker from Microsoft will give us a glimpse of 'Vista' on day two. Each day there will be a Panel discussion and three concurrent strands of sessions, *General, Training and Management* to cater for the wide ranging technology interests of Seniors. The program will include Shopping online, Risk Management Systems, results of the Telecommunications Survey, Digital Scrapbooking, Evaluating training courses, Genealogy, Publicity for Clubs, Blogging and so on! Contact 9286 3871 or email office@seniorcomputing.org for more details.

By early July you can go to <http://www.seniorcomputing.org/Conference2006/Registration.html> to register and to find out about the topics to be covered, cost, Trade and Spotlight on Clubs Displays and other relevant information. The cost will be \$75 for one day and \$100 for two days; there are discounted prices for ASCCA club members and holders of a Seniors Card.

Have you visited the ASCCA Website?

www.seniorcomputing.org Webmaster: Colin Ward

Queensland Computing for Seniors, 1 Day Forum

The inaugural *Queensland Computing for Seniors, 1 Day Forum* will be held at Ferny Grove High School on 30 September 2006. The Steering Committee, co-ordinated by Brad Ainge from the Pine Rivers Computer Club, is well advanced with its planning. It will be an information packed day designed especially for seniors to further their computer knowledge. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to turn their computer from a techno beast into a friendly companion!

The Forum will be opened by Councillor Faith Hopkins, from Brisbane City Council. *How computers and technology can enrich the lives of Seniors* is the topic chosen by Nan Bosler, President of ASCCA; Fran Warner, winning editor of the best ASCCA club newsletter for the last two years, will show how easy it is to touch up those old photos like new. Ralph Masters will show ways of sharing your interests with others around the world by building your home on the web. Take a sneak peak at the new Vista operating system with a speaker from Microsoft; Are there any skeletons in your closet? Hear how to get started on your own family tree. Go to <http://www.seniorcomputing.org/qldforum/Registration.html> to find out about the other speakers and lots of additional information about the forum. Enquiries qldforum@seniorcomputing.org or phone 3870 5493

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Queens Birthday Honours for two Club Members

At the Epping Computer Pals for Seniors Club, we are very proud of the achievements of many of our members, who are actively involved in a wide variety of community groups. So we were delighted to learn that two of our members were awarded a "Medal of the Order of Australia" in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

Robert Waterson received his award in recognition of "a lifetime of service to veterans and to the community at large." Robert served with the Royal Australian Engineers during the Second World War in the frontline at Lae and Bouganville, and rose through the ranks from Sapper to Warrant Officer 1st Class. Afterwards he re-enlisted as a part timer in the Army's Supplementary Reserve. In civilian life he worked for the Water Board on the construction of the Warragamba Dam.

Robert's uninterrupted involvement with the RSL from 1946 to the present includes service as secretary of the Wallacia, Top Ryde, and Epping RSL branches. Since 1987 Robert has been a Trustee of the Epping RSL Club and for 16 years served as a Club Director and was a part-time pensions and welfare officer. In 1994 the RSL honoured him with Life Membership, and more recently with their highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal.

Even after his latest well deserved award, Robert wanted everyone to know that his wedding day in 1946 when he returned from the war to marry his sweetheart Ita was still the proudest moment in his life. This is typical of the fine, ordinary Australian family man Robert is, and why we at Epping Computer Club are all so proud of him and Ita who is also a club member.

Peter Christian received his award "for services to the preservation of Australian history through his work for the Fellowship of First Fleeters, and community involvement." Peter, who is set to step down soon, has been President since 1985, and has been very involved with helping many people to authenticate their first fleet heritage. There are now a million descendants of the 1,500 convicts, sailors and marines who arrived here on 28th January 1788 to lay the foundations of our unique and wonderful country under incredibly difficult conditions. Peter's interest in first fleet history has involved him in presenting countless interesting talks to a variety of community groups including Probus, church, and historical groups, as well as twice speaking to our own Epping Computer Club. Peter was a pharmacist before his retirement, and he has served in various pastoral roles with the St. James Anglican Church in Sydney since 1966.

Peter's typically gracious response to the congratulations of his peers at the Epping Computer Pals Club, was; "My involvement with the Epping Seniors Computer Group opened up a whole new world, not only to myself but to my peer group of "oldies". I must defer to the wonderful help and support that I have had from some of the foundation members of our Computer Club, especially with regard to Word Processing. This made my efforts much easier and I do owe our club a debt of gratitude. Many people, including my wife Joy, have had a hand in my achievements."

Thank you Epping Club for sharing this story. ASCCA extends congratulations to them both.

Old sounds come across like new

There is now an adapter which allows iPod owners to connect older accessories, like a wireless remote or an FM transmitter, to their portable music player.

There is a nine-pin connector at one end and a 30 pin docking connector on the other and the adapter is compatible with iPod, iPod nano, iPod mini, 4G and iPod photo. The adapter costs \$49.95 and is distributed by Targus. www.targus.com *From Tom Pillans column "Computers", Manly Daily*

Don't forget that 28 August is the closing date for the 2006 ASCCA Competitions for the Best Club Newsletter and Website and the Best Digital Photographer!

Two Clubs receive Funding for new Equipment A Financial Helping Hand makes all the difference!

The John Newton Memorial Legacy Club at Dee Why will receive hardware and ergonomic chairs because of a successful submission to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The grant will assist them to provide computer classes for Legacy War Widows and work on a publication about what learning to use a computer has meant to them.

A distribution from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal will enable a group of people in the small community of Hanging Rock to purchase some of their initial equipment for the new Computer Club that they are forming with ASCCA's help. Peter Stanhope has conducted one training at Hanging Rock and will do a follow up training with the potential trainers at the end of this month.

ACMA launches 'one click' spam reporting button

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has launched the SpamMATTERS reporting button, which enables spam to be reported to ACMA with one click of a computer mouse. Instead of using the delete key to remove spam emails, users can simply select the SpamMATTERS button to simultaneously delete their spam and report it to ACMA.

The ACMA SpamMATTERS button can be downloaded directly from www.spam.acma.gov.au Submitting spam to ACMA using the SpamMATTERS button will assist ACMA in rapidly identifying emerging spam campaigns and in providing timely and comprehensive information to authorities fighting spam-related crime such as phishing, Nigerian scams and mule scams. Over time, customer usage of the SpamMATTERS button will also enable ACMA to assist internet service providers in securing their networks from spam threats.

The installation of the ACMA SpamMATTERS button is straightforward and is available to users of Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Outlook Express. Alternative spam reporting options are available to customers using other email programs.

What is Phishing?

Phishing (also known as phising) is the practice whereby a fraudster who is pretending to be from a legitimate organisation, sends misleading emails requesting personal and financial details from unsuspecting people.

If the information is supplied to the fraudster, identity theft (where the fraudster pretends to be the account holder) usually occurs and money may be transferred away into the fraudsters account or used directly to make online purchases.

- ◇ Looks authentic using logos etc...
- ◇ Instills fear – your account will be closed unless.../your security upgrade means you are not protected...
- ◇ Asks for personal or financial information such as your internet banking log-on, password, credit card etc..
- ◇ Pause & Think – don't respond
- ◇ Check the URL (web address)
- ◇ Report it
- ◇ Delete the Phishing email
- ◇ Use a firewall
- ◇ Make sure that virus software is up to date
- ◇ Secure your passwords

From CTN presentation at Members Meeting June 2006

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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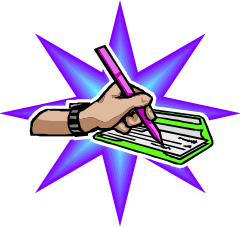
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- 17 August** Office Bearers Training Workshop, Level 1, 280 Pitt St, Sydney. training@seniorcomputing.org for details
- 28 August** Closing date for entries in the 2006 ASCCA Competitions for Best Club Newsletter, Best Club Website and best Digital Photography. Entry forms on Members only page of website
- 5—6 Sept** 8th Computer Conference for Seniors, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney
<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/conference2006/Registration.html>
- 30 Sept** Inaugural Computing for Seniors 1 day Forum, Ferny Grove High School Auditorium, Ferny Grove Q'ld
<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/qldforum/Registration.html>
- 9 Nov** ASCCA Annual General Meeting. Winners of the 2006 ASCCA competitions will be announced

The Stories behind the names of famous companies

1. Hotmail

Founder Jack Smith got the idea of accessing email via the web from a computer anywhere in the world. When Sabeer Bhatia came up with the business plan for the mail service, he tried all kinds of names ending in 'mail' and finally settled for Hotmail as it included the letters "html" - the programming language used to write web pages. It was initially referred to as HoTMaiL with selective upper casings. It was the world's first web-based email service and was launched in 1995.

2. Hewlett-Packard

Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard tossed a coin to decide whether the company they founded would be called Hewlett-Packard or Packard-Hewlett. *From Westlakes Seniors Computer Club.*

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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