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## Next Meeting

**4th November 2009**

**Guest Speaker Dr Rick Butler**

**Next Month**

**Ron Baker**

**Introduction to Windows 7**

### **Newstream Articles**

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## OPEN Committee 2009/10

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*Keep Membership database up to date.*

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*Tutor Co-ordinator: Robert Tierney. Keep regular contact with Tutors to bring ideas and concerns to meetings*

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## OPEN NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2009

### ***Co-ordinators Corner***

Hello everyone,

The year is speedily coming to a close the months just seem to fly by. In October for those who weren't aware seniors week occurred, we had a special visitor from Sydney her name is Nan Bosler she is the President of ASCCA which OPEN is a part of. For those who do not know what ASCCA means, Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association.

Nan arrived on the Saturday of Seniors week, which we had an open afternoon we had some visitors from the community plus distinguished guests which included Mollie Campbell-Smith our patron, Representatives from Linking Tasmanian Seniors, National Council of Women, School for Seniors, Independent Living. It was virtually standing room only.

Nan gave a wonderful talk on ASCCA and what it was all about and other topics which we were all captivated and enjoyed her warm and enthusiastic passion for computing for seniors.

After a short break OPEN celebrated our 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday which was well attended and there was food aplenty, I thank everyone that contributed to that. There were leftovers for days, which were enjoyed by visitors and members alike.

There was a presentation of volunteer certificates for 2008-09 were handed out to our valuable tutors by Nan. I presented a certificate to Nan on behalf of OPEN thanking her for coming to visit us.

The next time we were able to spend some time with Nan was on the Tuesday afternoon of Seniors week. On that afternoon we had visitors from Linking Tasmanian Seniors. OPEN was presented with a cheque for \$350.00.

LTS had not planned anything for Seniors Week and wanted to help us out with helping for expenses towards Nan Bosler's Trip and expenses for our week. This was appreciated greatly. Out of that money I presented a cheque to Nan Bosler for \$250.00 to help with her traveling expenses. OPEN had applied for a grant for Seniors Week part of which was to pay for Nan's plane fare but was unsuccessful and Nan paid for her own plane fare down.

Tuesday Evening a small group of us had pizza with Nan and

asked her lots of questions picking her brain for suggestions and ideas and to find out what other clubs were doing on the mainland.

We hope that Nan will make another visit to us one day; it was a joy to have her, and to spend time with her.

On another aspect of Seniors Week we had 30 visitors who had seen our entry in the Seniors Week Guide and from word of mouth etc. Out of that 30, 27 have been added to the waiting list book the majority of people were happy to go on the list and understood our situation in regards to limit of classes and volunteers.

As coordinator I feel this year's senior's week was a great success it would not have gone as well without the student's and volunteer's help coming in on other days then their normal days to be hosts and helpers.

Thank you everyone.

Finally a brief word on our next upcoming event, which will be our Christmas Dinner that will be held on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 12pm at the Centennial Hotel. Places are strictly limited to 70 if any one wishes to come they must leave their name at the front desk, if your spouse would like to come they are most welcome but we will need to know when you register your interest.

Our official closing date for the holidays is Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December we will let you know when we are opening again before our Christmas break.

Till next time

Happy Computing

Rob

### JUST A REMINDER

ALL POSITIONS ON COMMITTEE  
WILL BECOME VACANT AT THE END OF THE  
YEAR. NOMINATION FORMS OUT SHORTLY.

### OPEN MONTHLY MEETING

November 4 2009

Please take this opportunity to have an input into the way the club operates into the future.

Do you have a suggestion for a new class topic?

Would you like to take on a small volunteering role to help with the club's day-to-day functions?

Are there ways in which we can provide better services to members?

Then come along and let us hear from you at our next meeting.

### LAUNCESTON COMPUTER GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING WED

NOVEMBER 4 AT 7:00 pm

We have had some excellent guest speakers throughout 2009

And members have been quite appreciative. Dr Rick Butler was unable to attend earlier in the year, but he will be our guest in November.

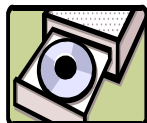
Ron Baker has kindly offered to show us something of Windows 7 at the December evening.

There should be a lot of interest in this new program.

All members of LCG and OPEN are welcome to attend this evening.

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### Launceston Computer Group October 2009



#### Your Library on Disk

The change from a floppy disk to a CD has enabled us to include much more in the way of games, information and utilities. Existing members can upgrade to the new CD version for just \$1.50. Ask at the club or contact Judy via the e-mail address shown below. This disk is free of charge to all new members.

#### AVAILABILITY OF LIBRARY

**At present the Shareware Library is only available during the club's opening hours.**

Speak to one of the tutors at the venue -  
Studioworks, 1 Pipeworks Road, South L'ton.  
Email: [opencomputing@bigpond.com](mailto:opencomputing@bigpond.com)

#### OTHER CLUB RESOURCES

In addition to the 'physical' library OPEN and VICTOR may be able to provide members with a variety of freeware programs as an alternative to downloading from the Internet. Free antivirus programs such as AVG can now be as large as 50 Megabytes and would take hours to download for someone who only had a dial-up Internet connection.

There are also quite a few video tutorials and ASCCA teaching material on our server and these can be quite helpful in explaining how certain programs and utilities work.

*Judy Hall has been offering LCG classes to members*

*Wednesday afternoons 3.30-5.30*

*Booking essential*

#### FAMILY HISTORY ON-LINE

**November 11 – 1 pm to 3 pm  
November 25 – 10–noon**

Judy and the team will guide you through the numerous processes required to research your ancestry.

New information is being added to our resources on an on-going basis to help you trace your family's origins. Contact the club for more information  
**Classes are limited to 8 people.**

#### PRINT ARTIST

October 21 and again in December  
10 am to 12 noon

Our 'old friend' Print Artist is still one of the most used and useful programs for making greeting cards, signs, and labels.

Check it out with Karia and co October 21

#### VENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER

Don't forget that the club telephone is available during class hours.

**\*\*\*\*\* 6343 4928 \*\*\*\*\***

Members and tutors can be contacted at the clubrooms **during class hours** by telephoning the number shown above.

Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm  
Tuesday evenings 7pm–9 pm

#### GRAPHICS

Please check the registration sheets at the club to find out if there are places available.

The dates for the next classes are :

**Basic Graphics November 11 and**

**LEVEL 2 & 3 GRAPHICS**

With Paint Shop Pro 7 and 8

**Wednesday November 18 1:00 pm to 3.30 pm**

This class is designed for people who have completed the Basic Graphics classes, and involves more advanced features of the Paint Shop Pro graphics programs.  
Numbers are limited to 8 people. Please check the notice-board or contact the club for details.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**—The club will be conducting normal classes on Recreation Day (Monday Long Weekend November 2)

## OPEN Session Times

At Studioworks, 1 Pipeworks Rd, L'ton

**Standard Sessions \$5.00**

**[Some special tutorial materials may incur additional charges]**

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## SPECIAL WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

Please register on the sheets – numbers may be limited

Monday	10 am –12	General & Beginners
	1 pm – 3 pm	<b>Basics and Beyond</b>
Tuesday	10 am –12	O-Learn & Beginners [all day]
	1 pm – 3 pm	<b>Mac [all day]</b>
	7 pm—9 pm	Basics (Night Class)
Wednesday		Special sessions or Meetings
		As for mornings (see rosters)
Thursday	10 am –12	General & Beginners
	1 pm – 3 pm	General & Beginners
Friday	10 am –12	General & Beginners

Date	Time	Topic	Details
October 21	10 am—12 noon	Card Workshop	Our entry level graphics program for making cards
	<b>1 pm—3.00 pm</b>	<b>Level 2 and 3 Graphics</b>	<b>Advanced graphics techniques using the Paint Shop Pro 7 and 8 programs.</b>
October 28	10 am—12 noon	<b>Family History</b>	<b>Robin &amp; Margaret will assist you in tracing your Ancestry.</b>
	<b>1 pm—3.00 pm</b>	<b>Advanced Graphics</b>	Graphics using Paint Shop Pro XI
November 4	10 am—12 noon	<b>Graphics Workshop</b>	Another session to learn or refresh your knowledge of this popular graphics program.
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>OPEN Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Have your input into how our club operates</b>
	<b>7.00 pm to 9.00 pm</b>	<b>LCG meeting &amp; Guest Speaker"</b>	<b>With Dr Rick Butler as Guest</b>
November 11	10 am—12 noon	<b>Basic Graphics</b>	<b>Basic Graphics with Laraine &amp; Karia</b>
	<b>1 pm—3.30 pm</b>	<b>Family History</b>	<b>Use our library of resources to trace your family's origins.</b>
EXTRA AFTERNOON SESSIONS		<b>Classes for members on the Waiting List</b>	<b>Additional classes are being held on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and on Friday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</b>

## November - 2009 Roster - Main Tutors & Classes

### OPEN COMPUTING & LAUNCESTON COMPUTER GROUP

Karia Tom Jenny	Rob Eleanor Tom Margaret Jenny Sandra Reinhard & Ivan  Mac Support	WEEK 1 Nov 4 Graphics Workshop WEEK 2 Nov 11 Basic Graphics WEEK 3 Nov 18 Using Family History Soft ware WEEK 4 Nov 25 Family History WEEK 1 Dec 2 Graphics Workshop WEEK 2 Dec 9 Basic Graphics <u>Judy, Karia, Robin &amp; Laraine &amp; Iris</u>	June David Karia Jenny Tom	Robert Margaret Jenny		
Up to 10	Up to 12	Family History Margaret Gilpin	Up to 6			
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
<b>Beginners / PC Support</b>	<b>PC &amp; MAC Beginners/ PC support</b>	<b>Second Step Tuition (1 to 3:30 pm)</b>	<b>Beginners/ PC Support</b>			
Karia Tom Jenny Margaret	Rob Eleanor Sandra W Tom Margaret Jenny Ron Reinhard (Mac)	WEEK 1 Nov 4 OPEN Meeting WEEK 2 Nov 11 Family History WEEK 3 Nov 18 Level 2-3 Graphics WEEK 4 Nov 25 Graphics PSP X1 WEEK 2 Dec 9 Family History Please Register on Roster <u>Judy, Karia, Eleanor &amp; Robin</u>	June Karia Tom Jenny	O Learn Robert Barry Alan Margaret		
Up to 12	Up to 12	<b>Judy's 3.30-5.30 class Postponed until Nov 11</b>				
3.30-5.30 O Learn  Robert & Margaret	P C Basic beginners 7pm – 9pm,  Julie, Barry & Bruce	<b>LCG Meeting November 4 Guest Speakers 7.30pm Dr Rick Butler</b>  <b>LCG Dec 2 Speaker Ron Baker Windows 7</b>	3.30 -5.30 O Learn  Robert & Margaret			
Venue telephone: 03 6343 4928 - between 10 & 3 or during class times only. (No Messages please)						

**Tutors A.H.:** (Family History) Judy Hall 6394 7358 or 0428 947358, Eleanor Horder 6343 1153, Karia Wicks 6344 5021 or 0419 150261, Tom Olsen 0419563035, June Hazzlewood 6327 2562, Dennis Murray 6326 5284 or 0400 196735 and Iris Meek 63273162 **VICTOR Co-ordinator :** Robert Tierney 0408 174 235

## NEWBIE CLUB TUTORIALS

### **Tutorial; "How To Forward Your Email - The Right Way"**

Let's say you decide to share the Insider with a friend. What's the easiest way to do this? Just forward it. But how do you make it happen?

Well, you could just click the forward button on your email client. ("Client" is the techie-speak name for your email program

- what you're using right now to read this mail.)

But simply clicking and filling in an email address and punching the Send button may cause problems.

Here's why.

If you include a short note to your friend, at least it's obvious who the letter is from, and why. I mean, what if they don't recognize your email address? Not saying they won't, of course.

It's just good manners that's all. Plus, you may want to include WHY you're sending the email.

When you forward an email to someone without an explanation, it could quite easily resemble junk mail - and be deleted!

Hey, let's try something. Right now, click your forward button in the toolbar of your email software (client). You'll see the subject line is filled in for you.

Good.

Now type your own email address in the "To:" line.

Drop down to the body of the message, where you'll see this letter. Click your mouse cursor on the first line in front of the first character, which just

happens to be a dash (" - ") in this instance.

Now press the Enter key a couple of times to give yourself some typing space, and type a short message. Like "Testing." Or, "I'm forwarding this to myself."

When you're through, send the email. Then check your mail.

Some great voice will chime, "You've got mail!"

Very good. You've just tested your own email, and you know you're able to forward. Now try forwarding to a friend, 'cause.....

You can forward with style!

### **Tutorial ... "Keyboard Tips"**

We get so used to using our mouse to do just about everything that most people have no idea how much quicker it can be achieving the same things - and more - with our Keyboard.

There are plenty of super fast ways to get places with your keyboard so here goes...

(Substitute the letter "W" for "Windows Logo Key" and the plus symbol ("+") for the word "plus."

W+D gives you the desktop instantly, minimizing all open windows to the taskbar.

W+Pause lets you see your System Properties, where you see all the stuff pertinent to your computer.

W+C opens the Control Panel. Have a look at all the goodies windows packs in that lunch box.

W+E opens Windows Explorer. Fast, friendly, and efficient.

W+I is supposed to open your mouse properties, and W+K is supposed to open the keyboard properties, but I can't get them to work on my keyboard. Try them on yours, and let me know if they work for you, ok?

You can look up shortcuts for anything using the F1 key.

Make sure your desktop is the focus of activity (minimize any open programs and click once on a blank portion of the desktop) then press F1. The Windows Help window cranks up, and you can type "keyboard" and everything related to it comes into view.

So much to do. So little time. Have fun learning something new today

## **Tutorial... "How To Print Out Your Address Book"**

Your Outlook Express address book is great for looking up details of your contacts at the click of a button.

But it can be time consuming copying them by hand in to your 'old fashioned' diary. Here's how to print it out ...

Open your Address book (This is similar for MS Outlook too).

Click File.

Print.

A screen opens up with a variety of options and selections. You can choose to print your whole address book, or just selected parts of it. Just experiment to see the results.

Business card; Prints out the info you would normally find on a business card such as name, company, phone number, email address.

Memo; All of the stored information will be printed.

Phone list; Home, business, fax numbers etc will be printed.

## **----- How To Customize.**

\There's also a very handy facility for customizing the style of printout you can produce.

Click Properties.

Select paper size, orientation etc to suit the style of the permanent paper file you wish to produce.

----- Additional Help; Anything you're not sure about on these screens can be explained by ...

Click on the Question mark (?) in the top right of the window.

Then click on the instruction you're not sure about.

A small window opens up with an explanation of what that particular function will achieve.

As I said, it's just a question of experimenting until you achieve the results you want. You can't break anything and all it costs is a little paper and ink.

## **Tutorial ... "How To Stop Your Printer in Mid Stream"**

Have you ever made a mistake when printing something from your PC and tried to stop that darned printer from churning out a further

247 pages of printed material that you KNOW needs changing??

Seems to have a life of it's own doesn't it? I think it may have!

Actually there's not a lot you can do to stop it from printing -but here's a few suggestions ...

Double-click on the Printer Icon in the bottom right hand corner of your task bar. It only appears when you start printing.

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A Status Box appears where you can read the print jobs being processed. That is - the jobs your PC have sent to the printer.

This list of jobs is created on your hard drive and it's called a Print Queue. This list -or queue- is 'spooled out to your printer as and when your printer is capable of accepting more pages into it's memory. It does it that way because your PC has MUCH more memory than your printer.

This dialogue box allows you to cancel print jobs and even rearrange them if you wish.

Yeah right - that's the brilliant theory!

You see, your PC has much more memory than your printer, so to save you waiting for ever for a document to print, your PC sends- spools - as many pages as your printer's memory can handle. And when your printer's memory 'empties' a little, more data is sent from your PC.

Sooooooooo...

When you suddenly change your mind and tell your PC to STOP printing, your printer still has a memory full of printing instructions and carries on.

Even if you shut down your PC, sometimes the print queue reappears when you reboot. That feature was specially built into your PC by a sadistic Windows Programmer one particularly boring afternoon.

Unfortunately, pulling your hair out and screaming naughty wards at your PC has no effect.

So turn off your printer instead. Leave it a few seconds and turn it back on. USUALLY that solves it - but those stoopid machines don't always do as they're told!

**Tutorial .... "How to Print Your Screen**

All Newbie Club Tutorials contain Screen Captures. That's a copy of the contents of a screen which can be copied to a document, or even printed as a hard copy.

To print a web page you can always use the commands File/Print.

But if you want to print exactly what's on the screen, this is how you do it.

There's key on your keyboard called 'Print Screen' or Print Scrn or Prnt Scrn. But when you press that, your PC doesn't just print the screen. No no - too easy by far:-)

Windows 'captures' the whole of your screen content to a temporary area or buffer. You need to paste the contents of this buffer, the image of the screen, to any program on your PC that can handle graphics.

So you could paste it into Paint, WordPad, Word or similar.

Press Prnt Scrn key, Open your application (like Word) - hold down the Cntrl key and press V.

Or use the pull down menus in your top toolbar and select Edit/Paste, and the image of the screen will magically appear on your screen.

This includes everything - any open windows, title bars and other stuff that was on the screen when you pressed the key.

Now then ...

If you only want to copy the contents of the active window and not everything else on the screen, then make sure you hold down the Alt key when you press Prt Scrn.

Then past in the same way as described above.

If you want to print a hard copy of your selection just use your normal print

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function to do so.

Practice it and save them in a new folder. You never know when a screen capture will come in handy on a rainy day:-)

## **Tutorial ... "How To Email To A List FAST"**

If you send a lot of emails to the same person, or group of people, you can do it quickly and painlessly by placing a shortcut on your desktop.

This may appear complicated, but like most techie stuff, if you follow these instructions step by step, all will become clear.

Please note, this works with Outlook Express. Other email clients will differ.

Let's assume you want to set up a shortcut to send emails to John, Betty, and a copy to Cindy, plus a blind copy to Harry.

Their email addresses MUST be already entered in your Address book.

Minimize all open windows to reveal your Desktop (see Tutorial 3 above)

RIGHT click on an empty area of your Desktop.

Select NEW SHORTCUT.

Go to the 'Command Line' box and type in ...

[Mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry](mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry)  
[<mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry>](mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry) Note, Mailto is followed with a colon (:) and the other names are followed with a semi colon (;) a question mark (?) or ampersand (&)

Click NEXT Type in the name of your shortcut.

FINISH.

Now double click on your shortcut icon and see what happens ...

Magic!

Try it with any names you wish just to see how it works. Or even copy and paste the above example straight in to the 'Command Line' box.

----- Even Better Once you get used to doing this you can go a stage further and automatically enter the Subject title and even the message itself like this ...

[Mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry&subject=Meeting&body=<mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry&subject=Meeting&body>=](mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry&subject=Meeting&body=<mailto:john;betty?cc=cindycindy&bcc=harry&subject=Meeting&body>=)

Next meeting is Monday night at 8pm (Note, the above line may be broken, so remember that if you are copying and pasting it just to try out, first of all ensure it is all on one line before you copy it. Or else type it out CAREFULLY by hand.

----- **How To Change the Information If you want to modify the details ...**

RIGHT click on the shortcut icon and select PROPERTIES.

Modify at will, and click OK.

While you're there you can change the icon design by clicking on 'Change Icon'

## Minutes Of LCG Meeting

**Meeting held at 1/1 Pipeworks Road Launceston Computer Group, Inc.**

**Meeting Minutes Date: Wednesday October 7 2009 Meeting All present were welcomed for a short meeting preceeding a talk by Dr. Frank Madill. The meeting opened at 7pm.**

**Present Iris Meek, Eleanor Horder, Lou Horder, Ron Baker, Janet Headlam, Ted Bramich, Harvey Tavener, Glen Gilpin, Laraine Rist Apologies June Hazzelwood, Bert Hazzelwood, Denis Murray, Judy Hall, Julie Hjort** Minutes The minutes of the September meeting were taken as read. Moved: Ron Baker Seconded: Glen Gilpin that they be confirmed as read.

## Correspondence Nil Business Arising

1. Seniors week was well patronised
2. The slide scanner is proving very popular and useful
3. Nan Bosler enjoyed her week in Launceston. Those who attended functions enjoyed her input.
4. Iris welcomed Ron Baker home from his holiday.
5. Market report - September market did not go ahead - next market in November.

**General Business Barry Symonds and Bruce Colebrook conducted Tuesday evening class on Tuesday 6th October, in Julie's absence.**

## Future Guest Speakers:

4th November - Dr Rick Butler

2nd December - Ron Baker will demonstrate Windows 7 Dr. Scott Hollier John Simmons - photos of Tasmanian flora and fauna Wolfram with photographic set-ups for AGM (to be confirmed when he returns)

**Financial Report Bank balance of \$19,358.02 including Victor \$5949.79 as at the end of** September Accounts for payment Rent to end September \$1000 Tas Printer Cartridge new cartridge 85 Tas Printer Cartridge refills 27 Moved: Iris Meek Seconded: Janet Headlam - accounts for payment be ratified. Car.

***Balance sheet with Minutes.***

**Meeting Closed at 7.20pm Next Meeting Wednesday 4th November Iris then welcomed Dr Frank Madill to speak about his books. Ted Bramich thanked Dr Madill for a very interesting and entertaining talk.**

OPEN COMPUTING  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Meeting Opened at 3.30pm

**PRESENT:**

Robert Tierney (Chair), Margaret Carrington, Tom Olsen, Eleanor Horder, Karia Wicks, June & Bert Hazzlewood, Jenny Napier, Janet Headlam, Jim Anderson, Iris Meek

**APOLOGIES:**

Robin Walker, Laraine Rist

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Karia moved the minutes be accepted, seconded by Eleanor.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Christmas Dinner to be Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December and will be held at the Centennial Hotel at 12 noon. Bookings will be available after Seniors Week. Break up for year on the same day, 18 December 2009

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

In: Department of Premier and Cabinet-Brochures for Seniors Week

Take The Teacher Home parcel

Out: Take The Teacher Home Order

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

June moved the accounts to be paid.

Seconded by Janet

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- VET Licenses. Rob is to follow up with VET to decide on how best to pay for the licenses. Either by Direct Debit or the possibility of using a Debit Card was discussed.
- Karia suggested that when we advertise for volunteers, 3 people should interview the applicants and she will investigate to determine whether we should get a police check or not on otherwise suitable applicants

Karia also mentioned that Rob was studying computer based networking in order to keep the club's network of computers running smoothly and so he would then be in a position to carry out necessary maintenance and repairs if the system should break down.

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This work was carried out by Dennis in the past but as he no longer comes in to the centre, Rob decided he had better step into the breach and learn the highly skilled technicalities required in order to carry out these procedures.

The cost he paid to do this course on line was quite significant but it was not his intention to ask for financial assistance or reimbursement.

To date he is progressing very well with this course and Karia asked if the members could consider reimbursement of all/ some of the costs involved.

## SENIORS WEEK:

Linking Tasmanian Seniors are contributing \$350 to Nan Bosler and will present the cheque to her on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm.

## NETWORKING:

There was discussion regarding networking with Linking Tasmanian Seniors. Both clubs have much to offer the other and it would create a larger arena of learning for members of both clubs.

The Meeting closed at 4.25pm  
Next Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
At 1.00pm

## The pros and cons of switching to Windows 7

By Woody Leonhard

**If you're still sitting on the fence about upgrading to Windows 7 — after all, it's been widely available for all of a few hours now — I'd like to regale you with my top eight reasons to jump in with both feet.**

I'll also tell you three possible reasons for keeping the new OS on the shelf — for a while, at least.

After you wade through the Win7 marketing hype, you'll find a solid core of real improvements in the new release. There are many aspects of Windows 7 that cry out for adopting it and just a few that suggest sticking with Vista or XP.

**8. *Windows 7 is easier on the eyes*** No doubt you're way beyond the stage where fancy wallpaper and cute icons curl your toes, but any way you look at it, Windows 7's a stunner. From wallpaper that changes itself to the tightly controlled group of icons in the area near the clock, Win7 puts the things you need most where you need them. The OS also moves the flotsam out of the way.

Since there's no Sidebar in Windows 7 — good riddance, I say — Win7's gadgets move to the high-rent district of the desktop, where you can move, resize, and snap them together neatly.

**7. *The Action Center puts all the nags in one place*** Windows XP and Vista are notorious for scattering important information all over creation. At the same time — and quite perversely — every two-bit application you install on an XP or Vista PC can pop up annoying messages, distracting your attention while you're trying to get some work done.

Win7 reduces the shrill impositions to a minimum by funnelling almost all

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interactions through the Action Center. Yes, the Action Center has its roots in the old Security Center, but it's all grown up now.

The Action Center serves as traffic cop for announcements that inform, warn, and often annoy. But rather than a pop-up window, the only alert you'll see is a flag in the notification area (near the clock) that turns yellow or red as needs dictate.

**6. Win7's security is stronger and less intrusive Security stuff gets complicated very quickly. Suffice it to say that Windows 7 is significantly more difficult to crack than Vista, which in turn was an order or magnitude tougher to break into than XP. (Internet Explorer and the .NET Framework are noteworthy exceptions.)** Compared to Vista's in-your-face User Account Control (UAC), the equivalent in Windows 7 is clipped and reined in. You can get to the settings easily. For most people, security won't be nearly so difficult in Win7 as it was in Vista — and it won't be as, uh, permeable as it was in XP.

**5. You can make a movie of what ails your PC If you haven't seen Windows 7's new Problem Steps Recorder (PSR), you owe it to yourself to try it. Click Start, type psr, and hit Enter. This little utility lets you record everything on the screen — except the stuff you type — as it happens. When you're done, PSR spits out an MHTML file that can be opened and played back in Internet Explorer.**

Like the Snipping Tool in Vista (also available in Win7), once you try PSR, you won't know how you ever lived without it.

#### **4. Search works — finally!**

Windows XP's built-in search feature is a slow, painful, buggy joke. In Vista, search is a little less laboured, occasionally usable, but still unreliable.

In Windows 7, Microsoft has, at long last, woven search into the operating

system itself. There's no noticeable system overhead, searches proceed fairly quickly, and — most important of all — the results are accurate.

You can initiate a search from just about any location in Windows 7: on the Start menu, inside Control Panel, and in Windows Explorer. Although there are a few idiosyncrasies — such as no true wildcard searches and text searches that match only the beginnings of words — searches in Win7 usually find what you're looking for.

**3. You get better control of your devices Windows 7 centralizes control of all devices: printers, MP3 players, phones, keyboards, mice, fax machines, and anything else you plug into your computer. The controls all appear in a place called Device Stage.**

The revolutionary part of Device Stage isn't its omniscience. Windows has had various Devices and Printers-type capabilities for years. Device Stage differs in that manufacturers have started writing their drivers to hook into Device Stage directly.

If you're tired of having 10 different programs in 10 different places to control your attached hardware, those days are rapidly drawing to a close. The junky little programs that go with the devices will disappear, too. At least I hope they will. So long, commercial driver-update utilities!

**2. Win7 Libraries beat out My Documents any day I first described Windows 7's Libraries feature in my May 14 Top Story** <http://WindowsSecrets.com/links/mrobi86js2jdd/5aebaah/?url=windows-secrets.com%2F2009%2F05%2F14%2F02-Two-big-reasons-why-youll-like-Windows-7>. While Libraries don't do away with the need to organize your files, they make it much, much simpler to track files and put them in the right locations.

"A place for everything, and everything in its place," as Mom used to say. With Windows 7 Libraries, file management is easier than ever.

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**1. HomeGroup makes sharing safe, fast, and fun A stroke of pure design genius, Windows 7 HomeGroup bundles all the sharing options you'd likely want in order to make files, printers, and media accessible to any other Windows 7 PC on your network.**

As described in my May 14 Top Story <http://WindowsSecrets.com/links/mrobi86js2jdd/5aebaah/?url=windowssecrets.com%2F2009%2F05%2F14%2F02-Two-big-reasons-why-youll-like-Windows-7> and my Oct. 1 Woody's Windows <http://WindowsSecrets.com/links/mrobi86js2jdd/82a451h/?url=windowssecrets.com%2F2009%2F10%2F01%2F07-Sharing-is-easy-with-Windows-7s-homegroups> column (paid content), homegroups work only among Windows 7 PCs — there's nothing analogous in XP or Vista. Still, sharing among Win7 PCs couldn't be simpler.

**Three reasons why Windows 7 isn't for everybody Despite these and other Win7 positives, there are at least three good reasons for Windows XP and Vista users to stick with their current OS:**

**3. If your PC isn't up to snuff, fuhgeddaboutit!**

While Windows 7's hardware demands are less stringent than Vista's, there are zillions of PCs that simply can't handle Win7.

In my March 5 Woody's Windows <http://WindowsSecrets.com/links/mrobi86js2jdd/9e664bh/?url=windowssecrets.com%2F2009%2F03%2F05%2F07-Save-on-PCs-by-using-Win7s-Experience-Index> column (paid content), I described how to convert any three- or four-year-old desktop PC into a Windows 7 wonder by bumping it up to 2GB of memory and sticking in a sufficiently powerful video card. I've retrofitted dozens of Windows XP desktops in this way, and the results are hard to believe. With a little bit of goosing and a couple of hundred bucks, those old PCs run Win7 much faster than they used to run XP.

However, if you have a desktop machine or laptop that's more than a few

years old, upgrading its hardware to support Windows 7 is likely more trouble than it's worth. Don't bother.

**2. If your hardware or software demands XP, stick with that OS The XP Mode built into Windows 7 Professional and Ultimate is a Virtual PC-based implementation of XP. XP Mode makes sense for large companies that want to get the benefits of Windows 7 but have to put up with hardware or software that runs only under Windows XP.**

For the typical home or small-business user, however, XP Mode is a pain in the neck. My advice? If the Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor (which you can download from the Microsoft Windows 7 site <http://WindowsSecrets.com/links/mrobi86js2jdd/3d4b16h/?url=www.microsoft.com%2Fwindows%2Fwindows-7%2Fget%2Fupgrade-advisor.aspx>) indicates that your XP setup isn't compatible with Windows 7, either upgrade the machine's software and hardware or give up on running Win7 on the system. Life's too short.

**1. Don't try to fix what ain't broke By far the most-compelling argument for staying with Windows XP or Vista is this: The Windows you have now does everything you need, and you aren't overly concerned about rootkits or other nearly invisible malware hosing your machine. In this case, there's no compelling reason to go out on a limb with Win7.**

Replacing your operating system is slightly simpler than performing a self-administered brain transplant, but it's still no walk in the park. In the vast majority of cases, upgrades to Windows 7 go in smoothly, with a few minor irritations — maybe you can't find the install CD for an old program, for example, or you forgot to write down a password.

But in a small percentage of cases, the Windows 7 installation doesn't go well at all. As they say, stuff happens. Any upgrade could potentially become calamitous, and Windows 7 isn't immune.

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If the thought of upgrading your system makes you lose sleep, hey — don't worry. Better the devil ye ken, eh?



*Always the wise owl  
shall be on watch*

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow.. In fact, just piss off and leave me alone.
2. Sex is like air. It's not that important unless you aren't getting any.
3. No one is listening until you fart.
4. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
5. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
6. If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.
7. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
8. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
9. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
10. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably well worth it..
11. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything

12. Some days you are the bug; some days you are the wind screen.
13. Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.
14. Good judgment comes from bad experience ... and most of that comes from bad judgment.
15. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
16. There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.
17. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
18. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
19. We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our ass ... then things just keep getting worse.
20. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

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