

## Membership

Membership currently stands at 542 and there are very few spaces in the Fundamentals sessions.

## Fundamentals Training

### XP

The PC Fun manual is being updated to cover Virus Checking using AVG. Updated copies of pages 10 and 11 will be available from the Office from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April for anyone who already has a PC Fun Manual. Would you please tell your students.

### Vista

As mentioned last month, we are now teaching Vista in both class formats; with 6 students in the group class, and 9 in one-on-one sessions. The group class is working through the Professor Teaches sessions in Room 1. There are not enough Vista students to warrant a second group class yet, but this may change after Seniors Week (7-11 April). Again as mentioned last month, we would like to run the next 3-week introductory Vista Group on a Friday afternoon, with this group moving to the second half of Monday afternoons when they start Professor Teaches. If you are interested in being involved with this Friday group, would you please add your name to the Friday pm column on the Vista sign-up sheet in the hall, and you will be contacted when there are enough students to start a new group.

Two additional headsets for use in Vista sessions are to be purchased. These will be stored in the Stationery Cupboard in the Office and will thus be available for use in the one-on-one Vista sessions.

### USB ports

Some of our PCs now have 4 new USB ports installed at the top of the PC tower. Although these are much easier to access when inserting and removing flash drives, they are also easier to knock with your knees! These new ports replace the two at the bottom of the PC tower, which although still visible are no longer connected.

### Relief Fun Trainers

Are there any more Relief Fun Trainers out there please??? The new list for 2008 is very short!!!!!! If you are willing to be contacted to fill in occasionally please sign up on the list in the hall. Remember, you are not committing to always being available for a particular session, only that you are willing to be asked if you are free.

### One-on-One Trainers

As previously announced, one-on-one trainers should now be further identified by having a Gold Star on their Trainer's Badge – placed in the space to the right of the Trainer's name. These stars are now in stock in the Stationery Cupboard, and should be handed out as appropriate by the Senior Trainers of the one-on-one sessions. **Senior Trainers are also asked to email Eleanor leightel@aapt.net.au with a list of trainers given stars so that this information can be recorded in the Trainer database.**

### Office 2007 and possibly Media Player 11

Sorry folks, but there has been no progress on the development of the Office 2007 training sessions since last year, but we now have Professor Teaches Office 2007, which will be installed on the Vista partition of one of the PCs in the corridor of Room 2 in the near future.

Neither have we had any feedback from Microsoft or ASCCA about the Office 2007 and Microsoft Media Player 11 workshops for our trainers, so these probably will not now take place.

## New, Updated and Deleted Courses

### Internet & Email

Peter has started writing the new Advanced Internet and Email Course and plans to have the draft ready for review by the end of April.

### Adobe Photoshop 6

The Adobe Photoshop 6 course started on March 6<sup>th</sup> and is progressing well as a 5 week course.

### eBay Workshop

Does anyone have any experience of buying or selling on eBay? As announced last month, Marea Parsons and John Greenlees are willing to investigate the possibilities of developing an in-house eBay Workshop, but need your first-hand experience to get started.

### Linux

The proposal for new courses associated with Linux and Free Software presented to the Training Sub-Committee by Bill Butts was approved, and Bill will now start developing the first course. Watch this space!

### Genealogy Workshop

Ella Ross is to investigate the possibility of running a Genealogy Workshop. Again, watch this space!

### **New LCD Flat Screen Monitors**

All the new monitors have now been installed, and the old monitors either taken to new homes or scrapped. Thank you to Lionel and his team for transforming our training facilities in this way.

### **Demo PC in Room 1**

The demo PC in Room 1 has had a variety of problems over recent months which have made some of our group courses "interesting" to say the least! However, all that is now in the past, and the PC has been completely rebuilt. Thanks again to Lionel, Ken, Dominic and Peter for all their time and effort on our behalf.

### **Volunteers Luncheon**

Don't forget to sign up on the list in the hall for the Volunteers Luncheon – 12 for 12.30pm at Baulkham Hills Bowls Club on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Parking is very restricted, so please car pool where possible. (Parking in Stockland Mall and walking across Old Northern Road to the bowls club would be a good option for those able to do this.)

### **Monthly Meeting**

Our next Monthly Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 will take the form of a Q&A Session with guest Trevor Long (from 2GB's Chips for Brains), assisted by Peter Fowler, Terri Weston and Ted Kemp. The next Trainers' Meeting will follow the April 2008 Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

*Peter & Eleanor*