

**Membership**

Membership has now reached 583, which is 30 more than at the end of the last Financial Year. The Waitlist is still growing, and has now reached 37. Members who joined the club at the beginning of this year are now reaching the end of their Fundamentals Courses and their training slots are gradually being released to new members. Some prospective new members are choosing to do the Assessment Test and, if successful, are joining the club and going straight to the Optional Courses.

Group Courses There are currently two Group Courses, with a total of 23 students, running on Thursday and Friday afternoons – they are both well into the XP section of the course. Contrary to last month's announcement, Ray Rogerson will be running a 5<sup>th</sup> Group course on Friday afternoons, starting on 20th July – this is now expected to be the final Group Fundamentals Course for 2007, leaving the last couple of months of the year free for Vista development.

Relief Trainer List

The Relief Trainer List appears to be working well and is allowing us to cover all our scheduled students. As usual, a big "Thank you" to everyone who has covered extra sessions during the month - especially those who came in, only to find that the scheduled students had cancelled at short notice!

New Trainers

Congratulations to Win Wells (Monday mornings) who was awarded her Trainer's Badge during the month.

**Vista**

As announced last month, the Vista PC (on the hall side of the "sign on" room) is now up and running. Everyone who receives this mailout is invited to investigate Microsoft's new Operating System (and Office 2007) when they have the opportunity – the password is "none" (all lower case, no quotation marks).

Peter has now found his way round the Vista, and has started looking at the PC Fun manual to determine the changes required to teach Vista. We do not intend to add Vista-specific information to the existing PC Fun 2007 manual - that manual will stay in its current form, but will only be used by students with Windows 98, 2000 or and ME. A new PC Fun manual will be developed for students using XP or Vista.

**Grandpa Joe**

All CDs should now have been updated to include Grandpa Joe folder – thank you Sheila, and everyone else who helped with this task. All trainers and students should also have received a single page update for their manuals (XP Fun – p26, 98 Fun – p25) which includes an extra text box advertising the addition of the Grandpa Joe folder to the CD. We suggest that when you teach this section, you point out the fact that Grandpa Joe is now on the CD, but explain that searching the CD will not be covered in detail until EX 4.3. The reverse side of the update sheets lists a few small corrections which should be hand amended in your manuals.

**Virus Checking**

We now have extra licences for the VET Antivirus program, and the new versions are gradually being installed on all PCs. When this update has been completed, a single page update to the PC Fun manual will be issued to cover the instructions for using the new version. In the mean time, the temporary half page instruction sheets covering both the new VET and Avast! are still available from the Office.

**Laptops in the Clubrooms**

As announced last month, the practice of allowing students to bring their own laptops is being phased out. Laptops are not permitted in any Group Courses.

## **The Good News and the Not so Good News**

The good news is that all the Monday and Friday one-on-one sessions each have their full quota of 8 trainers. The not so good news is that Tuesdays (especially the morning sessions) are still short.

## **Computer Problems**

The Log Books are now up and running in both Room 1 and Room 2, and are already giving helpful information to both "Users" and "Fixers". If you find a PC that doesn't behave as you expect it to, do please check the Log Books – you might discover the reason for the problem. Failing that, you can record it so that it can be fixed.

## **USB Problems**

The Office now has a stock of 1GB USB flash drives for sale for \$20 each. These have been purchased to make it easier for the newcomer to computing to find a USB which is suitable for use at the club. However, they are proving very popular with existing members, who quite understandably would like to buy one for themselves. To avoid the possibility of running out of stock for new students, there is now a Clipboard in the hall where any existing member may order these flash drives. Depending on the interest shown, we would expect to make a purchase based on the total quantity ordered after the Christmas in July get together, and for delivery to be during the following week. As usual, please bring the correct money when collecting your flash drive.

## **Room 2 Sound-proofing**

There are mixed feelings about whether or not the trial soundproofing has improved life in Room 2. The remaining walls will be carpeted, but if that still isn't sufficient, we will go to plan C!

## **Articles for Newsletter**

Jo Wickens is now in charge of the club's Newsletter, and is always on the look out for more articles. All Senior Trainers are welcome to send their contributions directly to Jo, and any club member can submit articles to any member of the Committee for consideration.

## **Club Help Desk**

If you have a question from a Computer Pals course or a nagging problem with your PC you could try emailing the Club's new Help Desk to see if our resident Panel of experts can help. The Help Desk can be accessed on the Club's website at <http://users.tpg.com.au/cphills>. Just look down the contents pane on the left-hand side for "Help Desk" and click on the link. Information about the Help Desk and all the instructions for submitting your question are contained there. Use the email address shown for the Help Desk or if you use Outlook (Express) you can just click on the email address and it will open a pre-addressed email for you. All you have to do is write your question, add your name at the bottom and hit "Send". Ella Ross has volunteered to be the Post Office Coordinator, and will relay the emails to the appropriate Panel member, and the responses back to the originators. The Club cannot guarantee to solve all your computer problems but we will give it our best shot!

The next meeting on 11 July 2007 is our "bring a plate" Christmas in July luncheon. If you would like to come, please sign up on the list in the hall (or phone Marea on 9871 1219 or Eleanor on 9634 1498) and indicate the type of food you intend to bring (no hot food please – the club will provide that).

Our Club AGM is on the 8 August 2007, and will be followed by a short demonstration of Adobe Photoshop Elements (one of the possible replacements for Corel) by Terri Weston, one of our Associate Trainers. There will be no Trainers' meetings in either July or August, so the next Trainers' Meeting will follow the September Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

*Peter & Eleanor*