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### PCUG Main Meeting:

#### Presenter Mike McHugh Adobe's brand new "Creative Suite"

The Adobe Creative Suite is an integrated design environment that combines the most complete upgrade in Adobe's history-featuring full versions of the tools you rely on most for image editing, illustration, page layout, and cross-media output-with innovative file-management features, a smooth Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) workflow, and comprehensive design resources. Create and publish content for print and the Web faster and more easily than ever before-all at an outstanding value. The Adobe Creative Suite is everything you need for all that you can imagine.

Mike McHugh is one of Australia's Premier Photoshop Trainers. A Certified Adobe Expert, Certified Training Provider Mike has been Partnered with Adobe for going on Three years. As a contractor Mike is often called upon by Adobe Systems to speak at functions and provide support Adobe customers. Mike comes from a Pre-press, Finished art and Graphic Design background. With many large Publishing, Advertising and Design clients in Melbourne and Sydney Australia, Mike has years of practical knowledge he can put into practice. Called upon by Fairfax, A.C.P. Adobe and Penguin just to name a few, because he is the best.



### Register Now for Broadband

"Broadband \$25 (incl GST) for either one month or 500MB download which ever comes first. Minimum payment \$50."

**Thanks to John Saxon, you can view the PCUG connection Procedures:**

<http://www.tip.net.au/connect>

Here are some procedures for setting up various operating systems to connect to the Canberra PC User's Group Internet system. The procedures include both dial-up (Modem) systems or Broadband (Via TransACT). ADSL is not covered. Each procedure is complete for easy printing. Procedure for Modem Installation and other items can be found in the trouble shooting procedures.



**TIP dial-up  
6162 6500**

<b>Committee Meetings</b>	
Monday	10 November
Monday	8 December

**Committee meetings are always held at the PC Users Group (ACT) Centre, Northpoint Plaza, Belconnen.**

**All members welcome**

**Thank you to all the Staffers for August**

Lloyd WALKER	Graeme EVANS
Alan LANDGREN	Evelyn DEENA
Harry SOUTER	Bill KEMP
Bryant & Diana BICE	Jose MARQUES
Anton JAZVIC	Barry WILSON

**Thank you to all the Staffers for September**

Rodney CHALKER	Ann BYRNE
Harry SOUTER	Graeme EVANS
Alan LANDGREN	Evelyn DEENA
Bill KEMP	Bryant & Diana BICE

**Cheers!  
Eleanor Rayment**

**Microsoft SecurityPolicy**

Microsoft will now issue once each month an update on security patches needed to ensure that Windows and Microsoft products cannot be exploited through any newly discovered flaws. Microsoft will publish each month an email setting out any patches necessary. To receive automatic e-mail notification whenever Microsoft security bulletins are issued, subscribe to the Microsoft Security Notification Service:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/notify.asp>

**New Members Night 7:30**

Date	Committee members on Duty
05/11/03	Noel Matthews Allan Hepworth

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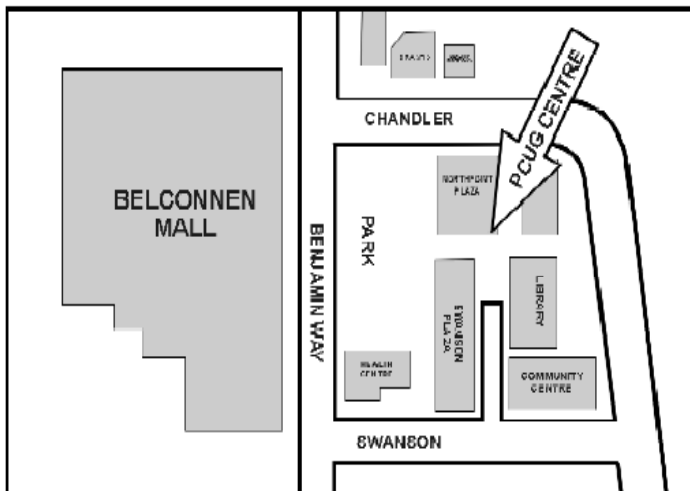
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**Saturdays and Sundays 9 am-5 pm (closed long weekends)**



**For Your Fridge Door  
EVENTS 2003  
PCUG Centre: 6353 4911**

PROGRAM Monthly Meetings: Time: 7.30 pm			
Monday	27 October	Manning Clark ANU	<b>Adbobe - "Creative Suite"</b>
Sunday	23 November	PCUG Centre	PCUG Christmas Party & 20th Anniversary Celebration Noon - 3pm
Monday	November		No December Meeting
Monday	January 2004		No January Meeting

SIGS- Special Interest Groups			
<b>Coffee &amp; Chat (North)</b>	PCUG Centre Belconnen	10:00am 11:30am Alternate Tuesdays	Jim Dick mobyj@pcug.org.au
<b>Bytes</b>	6pm Asian Bistro ANU Union	PCUG Meeting nights	Andrew Freeman 6258 7411 afreeman@pcug.org.au
<b>Computers &amp; Vegetarianism</b>	Meets with Bytes SIG	PCUG Meeting nights	Andrew Freeman 6258 7411 afreeman@pcug.org.au
<b>Investment</b>	PCUG Centre Belconnen	7:30pm 4th Thursday	Roger Penhale 6290 0807 rpenhale@pcug.org.au
<b>Networking</b>	PCUG Centre Belconnen	7:30pm 1st Wednesday	Allan Hepworth allanh@pcug.org.au 0418 445 006
<b>Internet Daytime Demo &amp; Discussion</b>	PCUG Centre Belconnen	10:00 am- Noon Every second Thursday	Allan Mikkelsen Amikkels@pcug.org.au
<b>Linux User Group</b>	Room N101 Computer Science Dept. ANU	7:00pm 4th Thursday	Stephen Rothwell sfr@canb.auug.org.au
<b>Linux Learners</b>	?	10 until 12 Every second Thursday	Rodney Peters rpeters@pcug.org.au
<b>Evening Internet</b>	PCUG Centre Belconnen	7:00 pm Last Tuesday	Marion van Wely 6258 8750
<b>Coffee &amp; Chat (Southside)</b>	Irish Club Weston	10:00-11:30 Alternate Tuesday	Jim Dick mobyj@pcug.org.au

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES AND PAYMENTS**  
regarding broadband, dial-up and other PC Users Group (ACT) services

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**TransACT Communications does not handle any TIP accounts nor PCUG memberships.**

## 2003/04 COMMITTEE

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### RENEWING YOUR PCUG MEMBERSHIP TIP OR BROADBAND

Members are reminded that they must provide both their username ( first part of e-mail address) and membership number when they renew membership for TIP or Broadband.

PCUG membership renewal in particular does require your number as there are quite a few people who not only have the same surname but also the same first name.

The preferred means of renewing TIP OR Broadband is through the secure web site at <https://www.tip.net.au/pcug/subs.cgi>. The preferred means of renewing your PCUG membership is through the secure web site at <https://www.tip.net.au/pcug/renew.htm>.

Note that your credit card details are safe when you use these sites.  
Please check all details before you submit the payment including the card expiry date.

However if you must renew by mail or telephone, it is essential that you correctly identify yourself with both username and PCUG membership number.

Members who fail to provide correct information may find that their payments have not been credited to them or that their renewal is withheld until details can be checked.

Help us to keep you up to date.

Please ensure that all details regarding your membership is up-to-date.

"Please advise the Executive Secretary at email [pcug.execsec@pcug.org.au](mailto:pcug.execsec@pcug.org.au) of all changes of address, telephone or email address."

## November Monthly Meeting

The normal monthly meeting will be replaced in November 2003 by a special celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the formation of the PCUG.

The celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of PCUG will be held in the PCUG Centre, Belconnen on Sunday 23 November 2003 starting at noon and finishing at 3pm.

During the celebration there will be a short ceremony to thank all our volunteers for the work they have done for us during the past year. Without our volunteers PCUG could not give our members the services they receive.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend the celebration on Sunday 23 November 2003, starting at noon.

**There will be no monthly meeting in December or January.**

## TRAINING 2003

Just a note to let you know what has happened in training this year.

Below is a list of course offered by PCUG in 2003. As you can see there was quite a variety.

The courses earlier in the year were more successful in terms of enrollments than those in the latter part.

I do not intend to organise any further courses for this year but am looking ahead to 2004. It is now mid October and I doubt that courses in November, December would be popular.

I have spoken to Jennifer Phillips about a series of Web courses in February-March 2004 and I feel that another Linux course would be worth a try in the first six months of 2004.

I also feel that courses in graphics (Coral Draw or Paint Shop Pro) may be in demand, do we have anyone who can train in them?

### 2003 courses given

"Introduction to Computing" *presenter Anne Greiner*

"Introduction to Networking (home and small business)" *presenter Allan Hepworth*

"Troubleshooting hardware and software problems" *presenter Allan Hepworth*

"Introduction to databases" *presenter ?*

"Introduction to the Internet-Email, Newsgroups and the Web" *presenter Henk ten Brummelaar*

"Getting to know Linux" *presenter Rod Peters*

"MS Word" *presenter Henk ten Brummelaar*

"Excel" *presenter Henk ten Brummelaar*

"PowerPoint" *presenter Henk ten Brummelaar*

**Thanks to all who provided training throughout 2003.**

**Terry Giesecke**

### TRAINING COORDINATOR: Terry Giesecke

**Email: [terryg@pcug.org.au](mailto:terryg@pcug.org.au) Tel: 6254 2896 ( 9 am- 9 pm)**

**VENUE: PC Users Group Centre, Northpoint Plaza, Belconnen**

**BOOKINGS: contact Madeline on 6253 4911 or email at [pcug.execsec@pcug.org.au](mailto:pcug.execsec@pcug.org.au)**

## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat 1	Internet clinic	Centre	11.30 to 2pm
Sun 2			

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Mon 3

Tue 4	Coffee & chat (south)	Irish Club Weston Creek	9.30 to noon
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Wed 5	Networking SIG	Centre	7:30pm
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Thu 6	Internet	Centre	10 to noon
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Fri 7

Sat 8

Sun 9

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Mon 10	Committee meeting	Centre	7pm
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Tue 11	Coffee & chat (north)	Centre	9.3 to noon
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Wed 12

Thu 13	Linux learners	Centre	10 to noon
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Fri 14

Sat 15

Sun 16

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Mon 17

Tue 18	Coffee & chat (south)	Irish Club Weston Creek	9.30 to noon
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Wed 19

Thu 20	Internet	Centre	10 to noon
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Fri 21

Sat 22

Sun 23	Christmas Party and Twentieth Anniversary Celebration	Centre	noon to 3pm
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Mon 24	No Meeting (Xmas party instead)		
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Tue 25	Coffee & chat (north)	Centre	9.30 to noon
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	Internet (night)	Centre	7.30pm
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Wed 26

Thu 27	Linux learners	Centre	10 to noon
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	Investment	Centre	7.30pm
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	Linux	Room 101	7.30pm
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	Computer Science ANU	
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Fri 28

Sat 29

Sun 30

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**PLEASE NOTE THE CENTRE IS NOW OPEN EVERY DAY**

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY -10AM TO 2PM

SATURDAY 9AM TO 5PM      SUNDAY 10AM TO 5PM

## Report from Annual General Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the PC Users Group (ACT) Inc. was held in the Haydon-Allen Lecture Theatre, (The Tank) at the Australian National University, Acton, on Monday 29 September 2003 beginning at 7:30pm. The AGM was attended by approximately 25 members.

### President's Report

The President, David Lewis, reported that the Committee for the year just ended had begun its work under some difficulty due to the number of vacancies left unfilled after the previous AGM. It had taken some time to find appropriate people to fill the essential vacancies, such as Secretary and Treasurer, but the Group was fortunate in the people who had agreed to accept those appointments.

The Committee was faced with a serious challenge after the large financial losses of the previous years, and with only 9 months left by the time it had a minimum number of people, the task of turning the financial situation around was daunting. The Committee took a number of actions to reduce expenditures. The one which caused him the most concern was the decision to stop printing and circulating Sixteen Bits by post. Whilst the Newsletter circulated by email has been successful, he hoped that soon an editor would be found so that Sixteen Bits could resume publication, although in future it would be circulated electronically.

He thanked Ann Greiner on behalf of the Group for her sterling work as Editor of Sixteen Bits. Her resignation from the position was regretted, but she had served for a very long time in a demanding position.

He thanked Madeline Mould for the very strong support she had given the Committee throughout the past year.

The President reported that the Committee had established a new Internet Services Sub-Committee (ISSC) early in the year, with the task of revitalising the Internet Project. The ISSC had taken a number of initiatives, giving Users larger mailbox and web site quotas, up to five email aliases and additional downloads. It had also replaced the outdated Acceptable Use Policy with an updated Conditions of Service.

He mentioned in particular the work Michael Lightfoot had done which resulted in a large saving in upstream provider costs.

The PCUG Centre had become rather tired in recent years, and the newly appointed Centre Manager, Allan Hepworth, had started a program to progressively replace and update the facilities to make the Centre a more attractive place for members. Future plans included Games Nights and other activities.

The President said that the incoming Committee faced some serious challenges. Probably the most difficult was the declining membership of the Group. More volunteers were badly needed and further promotion of the internet service and the training room.

Finally he thanked on behalf of all members all the volunteers who staff the Centre, administer the internet service, coordinate SIGs and attend the computer markets. The staffers who had worked so hard for us over the years deserved a special thanks.

### Financial Report

The Treasurer, Noel Matthews, reported that despite the best efforts of the Committee, PCUG finished the year with a deficit of \$15,400. However that was better than the previous year's of \$37,000. The Group had about \$120,000 in the bank, but members net assets were \$38,000. He pointed out that the Group has around \$250,000 worth of equipment but its assets are not sufficient to replace that equipment when it wears out.

He concluded by telling members that the budget for the current year forecast a surplus of about \$11,600. The Group would not go broke in the coming year, but much still needed to be done.

### Election of Committee

As there were insufficient nominations to fill all the vacancies there was no election and the following people were declared elected -

President - David Lewis

Vice-President - Vacant

Secretary - Vacant

Treasurer - Noel Matthews

General Committee - Graeme Evans, Paul Free, Keith Sayers., Allan Hepworth

There are seven vacant Committee positions, which may be filled by the Committee.

### **Amendments to the Constitution.**

Notice had been given of six Special Resolutions which would amend the PCUG Constitution. All six Special Resolutions were passed by the AGM. The six changes to the Constitution were, in summary -

1. Simplification of the Registration of New Members
2. Authority to Establish Various Classes of Membership
3. Authority to Levy Different Membership Fees for the Various Classes
4. Reducing the Period before the AGM that Nominations for Election to the Committee must be Lodged - the AGM amended the proposed six weeks to six days
5. A consequential amendment of rule 18 to require a Membership Register to be maintained
6. Authority to send notices to Members by email or other electronic means as well as post.

**After the AGM had ended Paul Free reported briefly on the strategic options which the Committee was considering for the future of the Group. A report on those options is later in this Newsletter.**

### **??PCUG: WHERE TO NOW??**

This short note invites members to consider the future needs of the Association, to comment on some specific questions, and to let your committee know your views. It follows a presentation which I made to the recent AGM on a Strategic Plan for the next five years.

The 2002 AGM was disturbed when it was revealed that the Association had operated at a loss During the ½ financial year. The new Committee set to work to reverse this situation and this involved some hard decisions. In particular, Sixteen Bits which had cost \$K40 in the year was discontinued and replaced by a short Newsletter which was also made available on our web page. It is hoped that the magazine can be resurrected but in an electronic format but this will not happen until a new editor can be found.

In addition, the Committee set up a small sub-committee to conduct a Strategic Review. The sub committee has reported to the Committee . In brief , it recommended that the Committee should

- Redefine the objectives of PCUG,
- Assess the value of the Training Room to the membership and discontinue the lease its cost cannot be justified,
- Update the constitution to allow for family membership and differential fees based on personal circumstances.

It also suggested that the Committee should seek members views on what they expect to gain from membership, and examine the age distribution of members to see if our activities meet their specific needs.

It is evident that the circumstances have changed greatly from when the Association was first formed. Computers have become much faster and flexible and younger members are already more computer literate than the older members were when they first joined. TIP, which was a ground breaking achievement when first established now faces stiff competition from several providers. Membership numbers have fallen somewhat.

Members views are invited on the following questions:-

- **MAGAZINE** This was costing about 60% of the membership fee. What fraction would you consider reasonable and would you be happy with an electronic only version?
- **TRAINING ROOM** This costs about \$K20 but returns only \$K5 due to lack of use. Do you agree that it should be discontinued?
- **CENTRE** This costs about \$K35 but it seems essential that we maintain a shop front and at least a small meeting room. Nevertheless it does not receive many members and may not be convenient for some. Should we retain a centre and if so how big should it be? Is there a better site for a centre?

Please send your views by e-mail to the Committee or ring one of the Committee members.

### **The Internet Project**

Earlier this year the PCUG Committee recognised that the previously effective management arrangements for TIP had failed to keep pace with developments. The Committee agreed to establish a new Sub-Committee which will report directly to the PCUG Committee, to be called the " Internet Services Sub-Committee" (ISSC). The Terms of Reference of the ISSC are, -

Subject to the overall direction of the PCUG Committee -

the ISSC shall make all decisions relating to the financial, policy and administrative management of TIP;



the ISSC shall oversight the implementation of policies approved by the Committee, including resolution of disputes between users and PCUG, application of PCUG rules and regulations;  
the ISSC shall monitor the operations of TIP, plan for future needs and developments, maintenance and replacement of equipment and the provision of finances as necessary to ensure the long term viability of TIP;  
the ISSC shall report all significant decisions and any decision involving expenditure exceeding \$1,000 to the PCUG Committee, but all decisions involving expenditure over \$2,000 shall be subject to approval in advance by the PCUG Committee.

It is the intention of the Committee that the ISSC will work closely with the TIP admins and with the Committee to ensure that decision making is fast and effective, and that financial considerations are properly considered so that effective and efficient operation of TIP may continue over the long term.

Since it began work the ISSC has already made a number of improvements to the TIP system, in co-operation with our volunteer administrators:-

The size of email mailboxes has been increased from a normal quota of 2MB (maximum allowed 10MB) to 25MB (maximum allowed 55MB).

The size of the disk space available for Users private web sites has been increased from 10MB (maximum 11MB) to 50MB (maximum 55MB).

All TIP Users with either Full Service or Broadband Service may now have attached to their email service up to five email aliases.

The Acceptable Use Policy which had remained unchanged since 1997 has been replaced by an updated Conditions of Service.

Broadband Users download quotas have been increased to 500MB per month.

Volunteer administrators are working on upgrading the TIP accounting system so that more changes in the download limits and time on line options available to Users may be offered.

A number of enhancements to the internet services offered to members are being considered, but they cannot be progressed until the work on updating the TIP accounting system has been completed.

A small group of volunteers is working hard on updating and renewing the PCUG and TIP web sites, which have become outdated.

The ISSC investigated offering ADSL services to those members who are not currently served by the TransACT cable. However the options previously available would not allow PCUG to offer a viable ADSL service. PCUG is now able to announce that it is able to provide our members with a reliable ADSL service at reasonable prices, in association with TransACT. Service is now available in Fadden, Gowrie and Macarthur, and will be progressively extended to the rest of Tuggeranong followed by the rest of Canberra by the end of the year. Two options are available, TalkWeb 256 and TalkWeb 512, each of which offers broadband internet connection plus TransACT telephone service.

### **PCUG Centre**

The current facilities at the PCUG Centre did little more than provide access to Email and some scanning capability for members during the past year. It was necessary to maintain these systems in order to improve our overall finances and to be able to set a budget for upgrades and replacements. I am happy to announce that this program has begun by firstly upgrading the fax/photocopying facilities and Execsec computer. The PCUG financial package has been updated and a new members database is to be released. The network has also been updated from a 10MB switch to a new 100Mb switch improving our LAN performance.

Members will see next month a new Multimedia center established at the Centre, with the purchase of a new P4 computer that will burn DVD's, CD's, allow tape and vinyl records to be transferred to new CD/DVD media and editing of video media. The month following will see a new Graphics centre being installed with the procurement of a new P4 computer and scanner that will allow members to finally take high resolution scans of images, scan 35mm negatives, OCR documents, produce high colour pictures with newly installed

software and be able to burn these off to CD and DVD.

In the next month a new dual Xeon processor server will be installed to support the centre. It will replace the current server which is very noisy with something more grunty but will also support the running of Network LAN Games. It is my intention to arrange specific times where all the younger members of our group will be able to have a good old shoot them up. Essentially, you can look forward to seeing something new nearly every month that you come down to the centre in the next year.

We are also happy to announce the starting of a new Networking SIG. This SIG will commence in November and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Allan Hepworth will chair this SIG and It is intended to be a practical, hands on, doing group. New challenges will be set each month for participants who like to be challenged or just learn the basics. If you want to know more please register your interest to my email [allanh@pcug.org.au](mailto:allanh@pcug.org.au)

We would also like to announce to members the fantastic training facility that we have. It is available for external hire at a very cheap rate compared to other sites. We ask all members to spread the word to all and sundry about this facility as it costs a fair amount of members money to maintain this facility. If the room does not perform over the next year we may be forced to close it. It only needs to have utilisation two days a month to cover costs so get out there and promote your PCUG.

Finally, the centre will be having some bring and buy mornings and hosting our own version of the computer markets for members only. Volunteer technical staff will be rostered to provide support on weekends to solve those problems that you can't solve through the week.

We look forward to all members at some stage over the next year coming in the Belconnen centre and to start familiarising themselves with all of the wonderous new technology that has been absent for the past year.

### **PCUG Now Able to Offer Broadband Service to Suburbs not covered by TransACT Cable**

Members are advised that PCUG will provide internet service to new customers served by the TransACT ADSL system which will be extended over the next few months to serve all of Canberra.

Service is available so far only in Fadden, Gowrie and Macarthur but will soon extend to the rest of Tuggeranong followed by the rest of Canberra.

Charges are as follows -

TransACT Pricing Terms (All pricing includes GST)

Contract length 18 months

Installation \$150 installation charge which if requested TransACT can provide interest free finance across the length of the contract of 18 months.

Customer will need an ADSL modem, which TransACT will sell them if requested.

Talk to our staff at the Centre for details.

TransACT Monthly charges

- \$39.95 per month for TalkWeb 256 (Broadband 256KB/64KB and telephone service)

- \$54.95 per month for TalkWeb 512 (Broadband 512KB/64KB and telephone service)

PCUG TIP charges in addition - \$25.00 for each month or 500MB downloads.

For more information go to

<<http://www.transact.com.au/promo/index.asp#residential>

<[>>](http://www.transact.com.au/promo/index.asp) or speak to the staff at the PCUG Centre.

We are now accepting applications for this new service. If you are interested please contact the Centre.

## Changes in Membership Classes and Fees

As reported earlier the AGM approved amendments to the Constitution of the PCUG, two of which which authorise the Committee to establish different classes of Membership (Rule 7) and also to prescribe different membership fees for the various classes of membership (Rule 11).

At its October meeting the Committee established the following classes of membership with the annual fees shown. Notes under each class of membership explain what each class of membership applies to. The previous membership classes of Associate Family Membership and International Membership have been abolished, as the distribution of the PCUG magazine or newsletter by email means we do not need to arrange for fees to be varied to pay postage costs.

Membership fees have not been increased for some years. In view of the financial situation of the Group the Committee agreed that a small increase (about 7%) in membership fees should be made this year. The fees for Concessional / Pensioner members have been increased more than the other fees in recognition that a higher proportion of our members are now paying the concessional rates than was previously the case. To offset the additional increase in membership fees for concessional and pensioner members, for the next twelve months those members will be given an additional reduction in the charges for all training courses undertaken. The charge for those members for all training courses will be \$35.00 per course (rather than \$44.00 charged to other members).

The following classes of membership and annual membership fees apply from 1 November 2003 -

General Membership                      \$ 65.00  
(General membership covers all members of a household except for Internet access.)

Concessional / Pensioner Membership    \$ 50.00  
(Concessions apply to full-time students and Social Security pensioners. Concessional renewals must include proof of entitlement)

Corporate Membership                      \$170.00  
(Corporate membership covers up to three nominees.)

Additional Corporate Membership        \$ 65.00  
(Additional corporate nominees may be added at \$65.00 each.)

## Linux Fest

A Fete on all aspects of Linux will be held at the PCUG Centre on Saturday 8 November from 9am to 5pm.

All Members and their friends are invited to attend to find out the latest about Linux, to discuss aspects of the installation and use of Linux and to see the latest versions in operation.

Members of the public will be welcome to attend.

Participants will be charged a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person to cover costs.

## Newsletter Feedback

**Comments, suggestions, feedback or articles for the newsletter can be directed to [editor@pcug.org.au](mailto:editor@pcug.org.au)**