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### PCUG Main Meeting:

Due to the unavailability of a speaker there will be no monthly meeting in August

#### Farewell to Chess

Many of you will know already that Chess Krawczyk died suddenly on 2 August. Chess was one of the core foundation members of the PCUG Group and was president in the early 1990s. His contribution to the Group was immense and continued to the present day with his most recent involvement with the Coffee and Chat Group. He was enthusiastic, immensely helpful and had a wonderful outgoing personality. I attended his funeral and I was interested to hear of his many other interests and activities. His friends and colleagues will miss him sorely.

David Lewis



### 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**

### Committee Meetings

Monday	8 September
Monday	13 October
Monday	10 November
Monday	8 December

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

All members welcome

### New Members Night 7:30

Date	Committee members on Duty
01/09/03	Graeme Evans Noel Matthews

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### PCUG Needs You

We need volunteers to help produce an Online version of Sixteen Bits Magazine.

We need:

- A coordinator
- Assistant coordinators
- Articles for the magazine

If you can assist please contact [editor@pcug.org.au](mailto:editor@pcug.org.au)

### Cleaner Wanted

The PCUG Centre needs to be cleaned once a week.

Suggestions for a cleaner would be appreciated and can be directed to

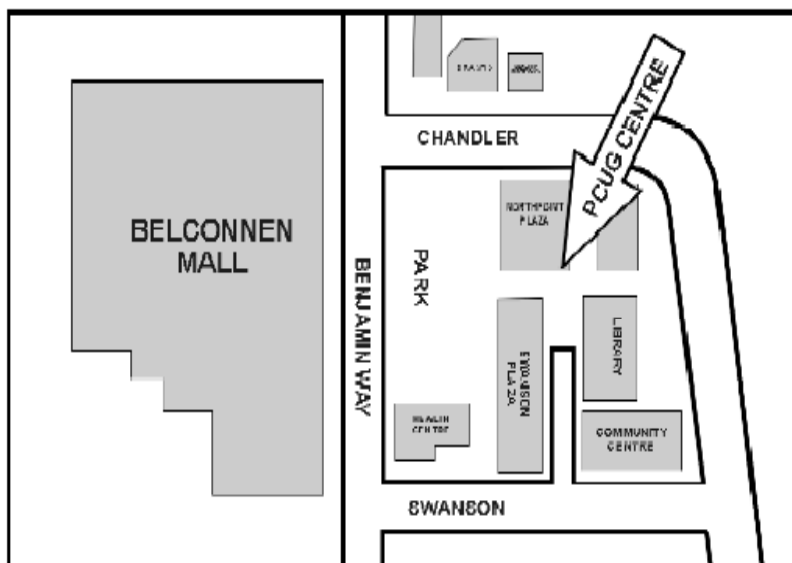
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PC Users Group Centre  
Northpoint Plaza, Belconnen  
Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am-2 pm Saturdays and Sundays 9 am-5 pm (closed long weekend)

### NEWSFLASH

We are in the process of organising volunteers to open the Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 2pm. At this stage the Thursday volunteer is ready and will start next week

TENTATIVE PROGRAM Monthly Meetings: Time: 7.30 pm			
Monday	29 September	Haydon-Allen Lecture Theatre Tank	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday	27 October	MCC ....	
Sunday	23 November	(tentative date)	PCUG Christmas Party

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>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

## We want your ideas

A team of four members reporting to the Internet Services Sub-Committee has begun work on revising and updating the PCUG and TIP web sites. The team will welcome suggestions for improvements, revisions or additions to the web sites. Members are invited to submit all their ideas to the Convenor of the group Tony Savage at email <tsalvage@pcug.org.au>.

**Internet Service Sub-Committee**

**We need volunteers to help with the stall at the Sunday Computer market.**

**If you can assist please contact [eleonor@pcug.org.au](mailto:eleonor@pcug.org.au)**

### FOR ALL ENQUIRIES AND PAYMENTS

regarding broadband, dial-up and other PC Users Group (ACT) services

Please contact THE PC USERS GROUP (ACT) Inc.  
Email: [pcug.execsec@pcug.org.au](mailto:pcug.execsec@pcug.org.au)

Telephone: 02- 6253 4911  
<http://www.pcug.org.au/pcug/>

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

## 2002/03 COMMITTEE

To reach all Committee members via email: [pcug.committee@pcug.org.au](mailto:pcug.committee@pcug.org.au)

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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."

# TRAINING

## September 2003

Date	Course Code	Course	Time	Comments
Saturday 6	7	Introduction to the Internet-Email, Newsgroups and the Web Henk ten Brummelaar	9:00 to 15:30	Designed for persons new to the Internet, you will need to be familiar with windows and the mouse.
Saturday 13	8	Getting to know Linux Rod Peters	9:00 to 15:30	KDE GUI interface KDE file management (could include interchange of files between Windows and Linux on the same PC) Firewall a web browser (I'm inclined to teach Konqueror, since it is also the file manager and help-viewer) Netscape or Opera are possible additions. an e-mail client Open Office Linux - General Advantages, Disadvantages & Hardware pre-requisites (preliminary discussion only, including partitioning disks) Prerequisites: Knowledge of Windows, computing operating systems
Saturday 20	5	MS Word Henk ten Brummelaar	9:00 to 15:30	Introductory course (but you should be familiar with Windows 95+)
Saturday 27	6	Excel Henk ten Brummelaar	9:00 to 15:30	Introductory course (but you should be familiar with Windows 95+)

## October 2003

Date	Course Code	Course	Time	Comments
Saturday 4	9	Powerpoint Henk ten Brummelaar	9:00 to 15:30	Introductory course (but you should be familiar with Windows 95+)

**All full day courses cost \$44.00 for PCUG members.**

**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 AUGUST

Mon 25	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Tue 26	Coffee & chat (south)	Irish Club	9.30 to noon
	Internet (night)	Centre	7.30pm
Wed 27	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Thu 28	Internet (day)	Centre	10 to noon
	Investment	Centre	7.30pm
	Linux SIG	Room 101 Computer Science Dept ANU	7pm
Fri 29	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Sat 30	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Sun 31	Centre open		9 to 5pm

## EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon 1	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Tues 2	Coffee & chat North	Centre	9.30 to noon
Wed 3	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Thu 4	Linux learners	Centre	10 to noon
Fri 5	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Sat 6	Centre open		9 to 5pm
	Internet clinic	Centre	11.30 to 2pm
Sun 7	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Mon 8	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Tues 9	Coffee & chat South	Irish Club	9.30 to noon
Wed 10	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Thu 11	Internet daytime	Centre	10 to noon
Fri 12	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Sat 13	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Sun 14	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Mon 15	Centre open		10 to 3pm
Tue 16	Coffee & chat North	Centre	9.30 to noon
Wed 17	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Thu 18	Linux learners	Centre	10 to noon
Fri 19	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Sat 20	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Sun 21	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Mon 22	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Tue 23	Coffee & chat South	Irish Club	9.30 to noon
Wed 24	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Thu 25	Internet daytime	Centre	10 to noon
	Investment	Centre	7.30pm
	Linux	Computer Science ANU Room 101	7.30pm
Fri 26	Centre open		10 to 2pm
Sat 27	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Sun 28	Centre open		9 to 5pm
Mon 29	Centre open		10 to 5pm
	Annual General Meeting	Manning Clark	7.30pm
	Bytes SIG	Theatre ANU	
Tue 30	Coffee & chat North	Centre	9.30 to noon
	Internet Night time	Centre	7.30

## President's Report

As we come to the close of another year in terms of the current Committee, I would like to thank both the Committee and the many other volunteers for their considerable efforts. Nominations have closed for the new committee and I am sorry to say that once again we will have to fill the vacancies under the existing procedures. However, we do have more nominations than last year so the situation looks a little better. Please come to the Annual General Meeting and have your say on what you want for the coming year.

This year has seen the implementation of TransAct and I am pleased that there is a steady and sustained growth in broadband subscribers and our future with broadband looks good.

We had to cancel this month's meeting as we were not able to confirm some possible speakers and I am disappointed to do this. We have called for volunteers in a number of areas this month and this is one area where an enthusiastic volunteer will be welcome to come forward and be involved in organising speakers. Monthly meetings are one of our core areas for supporting members and someone prepared to work in this area can make a big difference to keeping our members interested and enthusiastic. So please step forward.

Please remember that we do like to hear from our members on their concerns and wishes, so please email myself or other committee members if you want to have your say.

David Lewis  
President  
[pcug.president@pcug.org.au](mailto:pcug.president@pcug.org.au)

## Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the PC Users Group (ACT) Inc will be held on Monday, 29 September 2003 in the Haydon-Allen Lecture Theatre, The Tank (Building 23, Map Reference F3) Australian National University, Acton,

**commencing at 7.30 pm.**

### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Reports
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Election of Returning Officer
7. Election of Committee for 2003-2004
  - (a) Office Bearers
  - (b) General Committee
8. Amendment of the PCUG Constitution
9. Close.

David Gray  
Secretary, PC Users Group (ACT) Inc.

## Newsletter Feedback

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