

GLENGARA SENIORS COMPUTER GROUP

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Newsletter No1

This is our first try at a newsletter. If any member would like to help in the articles printed it would be appreciated

There will be no meeting on Tuesday 25th April as this is Anzac Day. The next meeting will be on 9th May at 3-45 pm.

Our membership now consists of 53 residents. This is approx a sixth of the village residents. This number has far surpassed our original expectations. The use of the groups computers is fairly frequent and for those who have been given an email address it good to see them making use of this service.

For anyone who has their own computer and receives emails, it is best if you can either move the mail to a folder or delete it. This helps keep your mail box at the provider within reason. If it is full then you will not receive mail and will get a menu coming up saying your box is full.

Reduce the size of your recycle bin.

By default, the Recycle Bin is set to 10% of your hard drive. With hard drives now pushing 400GB, this means you could be wasting up to 40GB of space with files that you have deleted. To cut the size of this, **right-click** on the Recycle Bin icon on the desktop and select properties. Move the slider to the left to reduce the size and click OK, when you are happy with the setting. Unless you are careless when deleting files, you will find 1% is sufficient space.

*If you have deleted an item you can recover it by opening the Recycle Bin and **right-click** on the item then left-click "restore". This will return it to its original folder.*

Myth:- A virus will wipe your hard disc.

The overwhelming majority of viruses don't destroy actual data; they use your computer to make copies of themselves, which they then send on to others via your email program, Destructive viruses tend to target websites rather than individual people's PC's, although that doesn't mean it's safe to go online without up-to-date virus protection. (*Microsoft XP official magazine*)

The Apple Mac group has had a new member join them which brings their numbers to seven.

The Team would appreciate any ideas how to improve the running of our meetings and club in general. All comments will be taken into consideration.