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## A Thank You

I would like to thank all members of the computer team for their work behind the scenes. All of their efforts are aligned to helping the club reach its present position. Through obtaining grants, visit to Belkin, our annual dinner, Glengara TV, Apple-Mac computers, in arranging programs & speakers also all other functions that are involved in the club. David Turner, Charles Vale, Tommy Thomas, Rob Harris, Sheila Robinson, John Lord & Peter Appleby thank you.

John Marks.

## Download speed check.

With all the promises of fast download they are restricted by the type of connections and "cables" that go to the internet provider. With the promise from the government for fast download speeds in the near future we still have to wait and see.

There are times when speeds are extra slow; this is due sometimes

<http://www.zdnet.com.au/broadband/speedtest.htm>

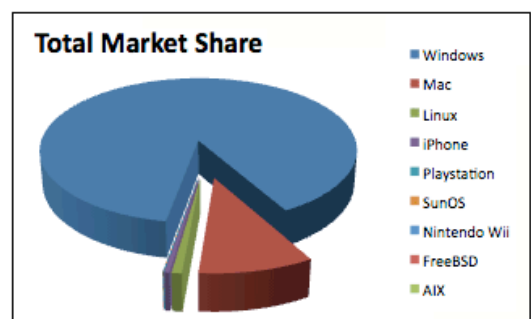
to the amount of traffic on the web. This can also happen with traffic going over the old copper cables. The newer fiber optic cable will require a booster every 50 – 60 Kms.

You can use the following to check your speeds but do not take them as being correct just a guide.

## Miscellaneous information

On 8 April 2014, all Windows XP support, including security updates and security-related hotfixes will be terminated.

As of the end of March 2009, Windows XP is the most widely used operating system in the world



with a 62.85% market share, having peaked at 85% in December 2006

In a post on [The Windows Blog](#) dated April 24th, Microsoft announced that Virtual PC would be a part of Windows 7. This was the solution Microsoft had come up with to help convert those people who had totally skipped Windows Vista due its lack of support for some of their favorite Windows XP legacy programs. You will be able to start a virtual environment of Windows XP, install your programs, and they will then be published to your Windows 7 desktop so that you can use them on your new machine.

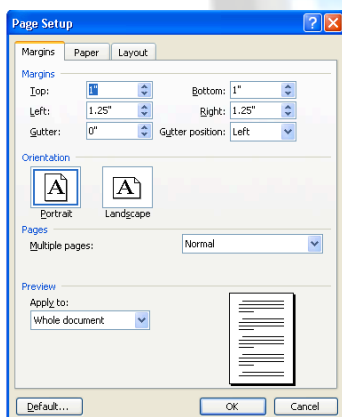


As of the moment there is no release date for Windows 7 although there could be some news later this year.

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### **Formatting a XP word document**

Setting up a word document in Microsoft XP does not involve much work. The basic document is in “letter” this is the American size and does not conform with our “A4” size. So if you are going to print or send (via email) you will have to change to “A4”.



On the top toolbar go to “File” and in the submenu LC on “Page Setup”

This shows the margins which you can reset to your requirements. Then LC on the “Paper” tab, then in the paper size select “A4”. “LC” on the “Default” tab an the bottom left of the sub menu, this will make all your Word Documents open in “A4” format.

Click “OK” and your Document is ready to work on. Play around with the menu’s on the toolbar and you will be surprised as to what you can do.

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