

# GLENGARA SENIORS COMPUTER GROUP

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Newsletter No 3

## **Birthday Dinner**

Make a note of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September as this will be our birthday dinner. The numbers are limited to 100. This is for members and their partners. There will be some entertainment after the meal. A circular will be distributed very soon.

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## **Free Office suite**

OpenOffice.org is a multiplatform and multilingual office suite and an open-source project. Compatible with all other major office suites, the product is free to download, use, and distribute.

We have installed this software in the Computer Room on the No 2 Windows XP system

Members are invited to try one or more of its applications as an alternative to the Microsoft Office suite which it is designed to replace.

If you like it go to their website and download a copy for your home computers.

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We have had two 17" monitors given to us and they have already been taken. One to replace the library small screen and the other to a member.

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## **Speakers**

Arrangements have been made for two outside speakers for the near future, family history and website design. Also on the differences between Windows Office and Open Office will be discussed at one meeting. This should be an interesting subject. Keep an eye out for the dates.

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## **Computer Room Computers**

Would persons using the units please make sure that **ALL** personal information be deleted and removed from the files. This saves any embarrassment if somebody inadvertently opens your correspondence.

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## **Flash drives or Memory sticks.**

These USB units are the latest thing in transferring data from one computer to the next. They are very light and small and can be worn around the neck.

The amount of data stored is good and they can be used up to 100,000 times.

Prices very depending on the storage capacity. A 256MB is around \$35-00.

A 500MB unit around \$50-00 and a 2GB unit around \$240-00 to \$450-00.

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## **Notice**

Last week a note was found in front of the computer just inside the door on the left. It read "Do Not Turn This off" as there was no reason or contact number no attention was paid to it. The unit was checked and nothing was wrong. This unit is turned off occasionally to let it rest.

The two units on the right are to be used after turning them on. Please make sure the monitors are turned off when finished.