

What is Social Networking?

Thanks to Sirkka Duncan from ASCCA for her Notes

Social networking is the grouping of individuals into specific groups. Although social networking is possible in person, especially in the workplace, clubs, neighbourhoods etc., it is most popular online. This is because the internet is filled with millions of individuals who are looking to meet other people, to gather and share first-hand information and experiences about any number of topics. . . such as keeping in touch with a multitude of people while travelling.

Social networking websites function like an online community of internet users. Some are closed sites where you need to apply for membership, others are open and you only need to sign up to set up your own account.

Simple instructions on how to set up a Facebook account

Facebook is a social networking site that allows you to share and view photos and information about your friends. Facebook was created in 2004.

According to Facebook's Press Room, at February 2010 there are over 400 million people actively using Facebook.

Facebook's biggest area of growth is in the 55-plus age group.

Setting up Facebook Page

1. Open a Facebook welcome page at, www.facebook.com. You will see their banner which says, "Facebook helps you connect and share with people in your life".



2. In the "Sign Up" section, fill in your name, email, birthday and gender.
3. Click the "**Sign Up**" button, and then enter the code you see on their security page. You will be sent a confirmation e-mail.
4. Access your email account, click on the link in the email from Facebook and you will be taken to the "Getting Started" page. If any of your friends have been looking for you on Facebook already, you will see an option to accept/confirm this friend.
5. Click **confirm** and go to the next step.



- Facebook will now ask if you want your email account or instant message friend list scanned for already registered friends. You can decide if you allow this step.

Sharing your Facebook site; setting Profile and Privacy

Staying safe while using Facebook

Just remember to be cautious how much information you display about yourself on your site.

Click on the arrow to see the dialog box.

- ▶ Basic Information
- ▶ Personal Information
- ▶ Contact Information
- ▶ Education and Work

Each option above opens up to a dialog box with a multitude of choices to fill in, such as;

Personal Information;

Activities, Interests, Favourite music.....

Contact information, be cautious here and use the **Privacy** settings – to decide who can see this information?

Basic Information

Gender:
 Show my gender in my Profile

Birthday:

Current location:

Hometown:

Home neighbourhood:

Family members:
Add another family member

Relationship status:

Interested in: Men Women

Looking for: Friendship Dating A relationship Networking

Political Views:

Religious views:

Contact Information

Email addresses: @gmail.com
Add/remove email addresses

IM screen name(s):
Add another screen name

Mobile Phone:
(Include '+' and country code. Example: +61-xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Everyone

Friends of friends

• Only friends

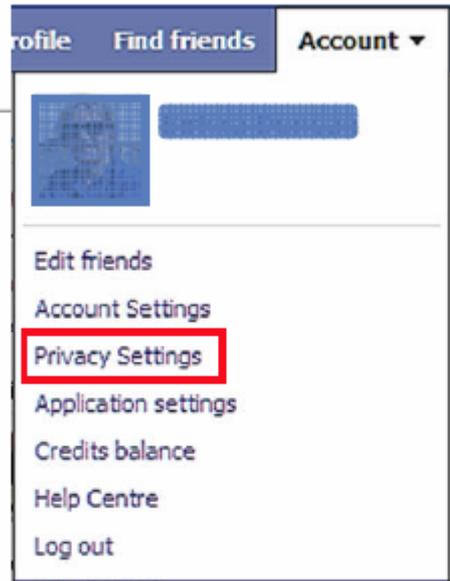
Customise

Account Settings

After setting up a Facebook site sign in to your account Click on **Account Tab**
 Select **Privacy Settings**

Privacy settings

-  **Profile information**
Control who can see your Profile and who can post to your Wall
-  **Contact information**
Control who can contact you on Facebook and see your contact information and email address
-  **Applications and websites**
Control what information is available to Facebook-enhanced applications and websites
-  **Search**
Control who can see your search result on Facebook and in search engines
-  **Block list**
Control who can interact with you on Facebook



Select each option and set your privacy settings to suite you.

A functioning Facebook page

The screenshot shows a Facebook profile page for 'Sirikka'. Annotations include:

- Profile Photo and Name:** A box around the profile picture and name.
- Advertising:** A box around the 'Create an Advert' section on the right.
- Personal Information:** A box around the 'Information' tab on the left sidebar.
- Friends:** A box around the 'Friends' tab on the left sidebar.
- Wall Posts:** A box around the main content area of the profile.
- Type your message here and press enter:** A box around the text input field in the chat window.
- Chat box shows if any friend are on line:** A box around the 'Chat (1)' indicator in the chat window.

ILLAWARRA COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS

The Illawarra PC Users' Group Incorporated, commonly known as **Illawarra Computer Enthusiasts**, or **ICE**, is a growing non-profit organisation of novices, experts, computer professionals and casual users that began in the 80's. We are based in Wollongong on the South Coast of New South Wales. Our current membership extends from Coledale in the North to Gerringong in the South.

A General Meeting is held on the second Friday, **7:30 pm**, and on the fourth Saturday (February to November), **1:00 pm**, of each month at the **Unanderra Community Centre, Princes Highway, Unanderra**

The meeting begins with a general Question and Answer time which is followed by an exciting guest presentation by a well known computer expert, who presents a live demonstration of the latest and greatest computer hardware, software or related service. These presentations vary greatly from month to month and always prove to be very interesting for all members.

The aims of ICE is to conduct activities promoting the effective utilisation of personal computer and to endeavour to achieve such effective utilisation by the means of

- Advancing computer literacy
- Keeping members abreast of developments in computing and information technology
- Enabling members to exchange information and experiences
- Providing a forum for the exchange of views amongst computer users and between computer users and the computer industry

To foster these aims ICE

- Conducts workshops and training programs
- Publishes a newsletter 11 times a year
- Maintains a web page which can be accessed at <http://www.illawarrapcug.org.au>

Membership fees: Ordinary - \$40, Concession - \$30, Family - \$50 & Corporate - \$80

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Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA** ICE is affiliated to the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA), which is the peak body of seniors computer clubs in Australia. Approximately 140 computer clubs are affiliated throughout Australia.



ICE Education



Here are some of the topics we can offer at the moment, inquire at the Education table at our meetings for more information.

- Basic Word Processing - somewhere to start if you are a real novice
- Advanced Word Processing - you know all the basics
- Introduction to Spreadsheets - what are they, how can I use it?
- Introduction to Desktop Publishing - newsletters, flyers, greeting cards, ect
- Introduction to PowerPoint - what is it, what are its applications

- Basic Picture Editing
- Outlook Express - set-up your e-mail.
- Introduction to Windows

It pays to belong!

Members receive a
50% discount on training
offered by the Illawarra
Computer Enthusiasts.