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*our email addresses
are on the website...*

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8 November meeting, 4.00pm Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre— the Internet and your Mac

As always, feel free to bring along any piece of fun equipment for 'show and tell'. We will have a group workshop with ample opportunities for you to ask questions, and we will conclude with an opportunity for you to experiment or try to solve problems on one of the machines brought along by committee members.

Topics for the meeting include using email, Safari, Google, and iWeb.

October meeting

Excellent discussions followed from Ron Begg's demonstration of simple digital imaging processes. A key concept to grasp is that...

- sometimes, we want to make global changes to all of an image, such as sharpening, changing the contrast, cropping, or straightening the horizon. Such simple changes are easily made with the editing tools in iPhoto. You may need to upgrade your iPhoto by purchasing the iLife software suite.
- alternatively, we sometimes just want to work on part of an image, say to remove an electric power cable from the sky, or a tree that is apparently growing out of the top of someone's head. Work like this is best done in Photoshop, or Photoshop Elements, both of which have special tools for selecting small parts of the image and changing them without affecting the rest of the picture.

We promise to keep our meetings and writing as "geek free" as possible, but...

TIP: try clicking on any underlined text or the advertisements in this enewsletter...

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[email BMUG](#)



Virtual members WANTED

Now that BMUG has a number of member benefits to offer even if people are unable to actually attend meetings, we are keen to recruit *virtual members*, who participate from remote locations.

Do you have Macintosh friend who lives elsewhere, perhaps even interstate? Encourage them to join and take advantage of the membership benefits listed below...

[check out
free web
hosting](#)

Member benefit 1 BMUG offers unique FREE website hosting!

Thanks to the generosity of club member and sponsor, Andrew Ballard, of ReBusiness, BMUG now offers our members free web hosting, a member benefit we believe is unmatched anywhere in the world.

What does this mean? Well, to put it simply, it means that you can set up your own website and make it available to everyone by following these simple steps:

- create your website concept, plan it, write the text, collect the images.
- construct your website. If this is your first attempt, we recommend that you use iWeb as the software. You will find our club manual very helpful, as it explains everything you need to know.
- decide on the domain name you wish to use. You might like, for example, www.fredasmith.id.au. The 'id' indicates it is a personal site. This type of domain name has to be registered with a commercial domain name provider, and a small annual fee is involved.
- alternatively, save money by going with a name like:
www.fredasmith.bellarinemac.org.
The club can provide this type of domain name absolutely free.

and finally, work through the relatively simple stages of uploading your website files to Andrew's server. Congratulations, you are now part of the web universe!

Don Patrick explains the transfer to Andrew's free hosting in detail...

Most newsletter readers may already be aware that I have a small web site that was created using iWeb. I use this to display samples of my "PhotoArt" plus a few photographs and until last week the site was hosted using web space provided by iiNet who is my Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Most ISP's provide their customers with a small amount of web space as part of their package. This space, usually 10MB, 20MB or in the case of iiNet 30MB, can be used to post home pages, photo galleries, blogs and the like. These personal web pages are accessed in the normal way using a browser such as Safari, via an address (URL) which is allocated by the ISP, my URL was <http://members.iinet.net.au/~donpatrick> which is quite a mouthful and difficult to remember (it even contains a tilde).

Enter BMUG's friend and sponsor Andrew Ballard of ReBusiness who has made available a very generous, free of charge, web hosting facility for members. I decided to shift my web site over and avail myself of the larger space (500MB) and the many added facilities on offer.

There are two ways that members can use the free space, the first, which entails a thing called a sub-domain, allows a free site with a set URL. Had I decided to go down that track, my web address would have become www.donpatrick.bellarinemac.org.



Although this looked a lot better than the cumbersome iiNet URL, I decided that I should bite the bullet and investigate the possibility of registering my own domain name. This process is done through one of the many sites that “rent” out such names. An Australian site called:

www.netregistry.com.au

was recommended to me and I set about choosing a suitable name.

The obvious choices of donpatrick.com or donpatrick.net were previously taken and hence unavailable so I then looked at donpatrick.com.au or donpatrick.net.au, these were available, however, because I had added the very desirable .au to the name, Australian law requires a purchaser to have a registered business name (ABN). I came to the conclusion that I had little need for an ABN and opted instead for the domain name donpatrick.id.au (the .id alludes to an individual).

So having registered and paid the domain name rental fee of \$29.95 for two years, I “parked” the name with NetRegistry and contacted Andrew for information on how to set things up. Further advice can be obtained via the special link at:

www.bellarinemac.org

I was promptly supplied with an ID, and a password and was given the necessary “nameserver” details, which allowed me to advise NetRegistry of my new host then unpark and transfer over my new domain name to Andrew’s server. Andrew also supplied the ftp (File Transfer Protocol) details necessary for uploading the iWeb files to his server.

All this was achieved without too many problems and the only thing then left to do was to think of one or more email addresses to use and to advise Andrew of these. I chose don@donpatrick.id.au and photoart@donpatrick.id.au bearing in mind that it is possible to add others later if required. The addresses were set up and working in no time.

I could have opted to stick with my old iiNet email address but having my own domain name in the address means that I can keep these email address for ever, then, if in future, I ever change ISP’s, I won’t have to go through the hassle of having to advise all my friends and contacts of the details.

BMUG members who decide to create a web site of their own and take up the free hosting option are assured of a lot of fun and in doing so, they, like me, will gain a greater understanding of the workings of the internet.

Just in case you want to have another look at my web site just go to:

www.donpatrick.id.au

but bear in mind that it is still the same old site as before, the only difference is that instead of being located (hosted) on an iiNet server situated possibly in WA it is now resides on a server here on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The hosting facility available to BMUG members certainly has the potential for great flexibility and what’s more it comes at a really excellent price!

Don Patrick



Save \$80!

Member benefit 2

BMUG members privileged access to AUSOM FirstClass

As you know, AUSOM, the big Melbourne Apple group offers many services, including very highly regarded internet discussion groups.

You have probably heard of discussion forums on the net, but you might have thought they were for experts, not beginners. That is what I thought, so I've never participated in one. How wrong I was...

Here is a sample of the really helpful tips discussed on the AUSOM FirstClass beginners forum:

There I was sitting at the computer table reading a very long webpage, you know the sort, they go on and on and on. So I am just getting fidgety and I accidentally hit the spacebar.

Great shivering skittles Look what happened!

The full page I have on screen jumped to the top of the screen reavealing a new unread portion of the webpage.

No more using the down arrow, the blue progress line at the right of the page, no more up/down arrows for me now. Read the page on screen? Just hit the spacebar and start reading again from the top. just brilliant.

Safari isn't the only application where this will work, play around and find others for yourself. Have fun!

Name withheld to protect the guilty.

Normally, you would have to join the AUSOM club, **and** pay for FirstClass to participate, but we have negotiated a special deal for BMUG members. For \$50, you can be part of it, without actually joining the AUSOM club.

FirstClass Application

We suggest you begin by joining as an observer, and reading posts for a few days before you decide to pay your fee and join in with your own questions. If you decide to join, just print off the membership application from our website, and mail it in with your fee.

AUSOM FirstClass		Application to join AUSOM FirstClass	
<p>Computer Topics FirstClass's open discussion forums encompass the full spectrum of Mac computer use — computer and peripherals purchase and setup, software installation and use, Mac operating systems, networking, maintenance and troubleshooting of both the equipment and its software. All popular equipment and software is discussed by beginners and experts alike. Their experience is available to you for the asking.</p> <p>Special Interests Other open forums discuss such topics as desktop publishing, genealogy, the Internet, finance and investment, graphics, digital movies and photography, music, hardware and peripherals, networking and</p>		<p>telephony, web development, Filemaker and many other topics that involve the use of Mac computers. Dozens of new messages are posted every day by both professional and amateur users. You'll be amazed at the amount of information that is present and freely available to subscribers of AUSOM FirstClass.</p> <p>Downloads Downloads available from the system include updates from Apple and other commercial software publishers, as well as hundreds of shareware programs and utilities in many categories, to suit both new and older Macintosh computers. Large files and/or broken connections are no problem, as FirstClass</p>	
		<p>allows you to resume interrupted downloads in a later session. The File Exchange area is one of the most-used on the system.</p> <p>Access to FirstClass Using the easily-installed FirstClass Client software, you can access AUSOM First Class via any Internet connection. Away from home, you can access it via any Web browser (simply click the Web Login button above). There's even a Windows version of the Client software if, for instance, you use a Windows PC at work. To download a version of the FirstClass Client software appropriate to your needs, click the Client Downloads button found on the AUSOM FirstClass page on AUSOM's website</p>	
		<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	
		<p>Payment Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque (payable to AUSOM Incorporated)</p> <p>Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Amount: \$50.00 inc GST, per annum</p>	
		<p>Post your completed application form to; AUSOM Incorporated 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne 3000 or fax to 1300 360 813</p>	
<p>www.ausom.net.au/firstclass.html</p>		 	



[email Steve](#)

Member benefit 3

'Getting started' manuals — a bargain at \$2...

We are very proud of our small but growing library of *do it yourself* manuals for the Macintosh, all written for you, our members, by members.

Tip: we bring copies of each manual to meetings and they always sell out, so if you are after a particular one, just email Steve to place an order and be sure of getting yours at the next meeting. Of course we're also happy to mail you a copy, if that's more convenient.

They presently include:

iChat with your Mac — the BMUG guide to getting started

If you haven't experimented with this fun piece of software that comes free with System OS X, you are missing out! iChat enables you to eliminate many expensive long-distance calls from your phone bill.

Music and listening with your Mac — the BMUG guide to getting started

7 pages of concentrated tips from an enthusiast. This manual expands on many of the issues raised at our September meeting.

Mail tutorial

Comprehensive notes by local Mac guru, Steve Cooper, of MacAssist, who gave an excellent presentation at our August meeting. Incidentally, Steve is always available for consultancies, including hardware installations, setting up internet connections, and troubleshooting, for a very reasonable fee.

iWeb with your Mac — the BMUG guide to getting started

As you may know, Steve Craddock has created his own website, as has Don Patrick, who also designed the club website. These sites were all produced in Apple's brilliant beginner software, iWeb, which comes as part of the iLife software suite.

This manual takes you right through from start to publication, and is aimed at enabling any member to set up a family or hobby site without spending months mastering technicalities.

Some members' sites include:

Don Patrick: www.donpatrick.id.au

Steve Cooper: www.macassist.net.au

Steve Craddock: www.stevecraddock.id.au



and the latest 'Getting started' manual — a bargain at \$2 is...

Scanning with your Mac — the BMUG guide to getting started

This manual takes you right through from connecting a new scanner to simple digital imaging processes in iPhoto and Photoshop.

Are you interested in producing a family history, or a similar project using old photographs? This manual tells you how to get started, how to get those old pictures into digital form, how to carry out simple re-touching tasks.



Weather radar

Are you as addicted to weather radar as I am? Maybe it's because we're always hanging out for rain, but I regularly check the Melbourne Radar Loop whenever a change is imminent, or whenever a critical stage is reached at the cricket. As you see, the map gives you up to date information about precipitation, so you can watch the showers missing your part of the world.

[Go to Melbourne Radar Loop](#)

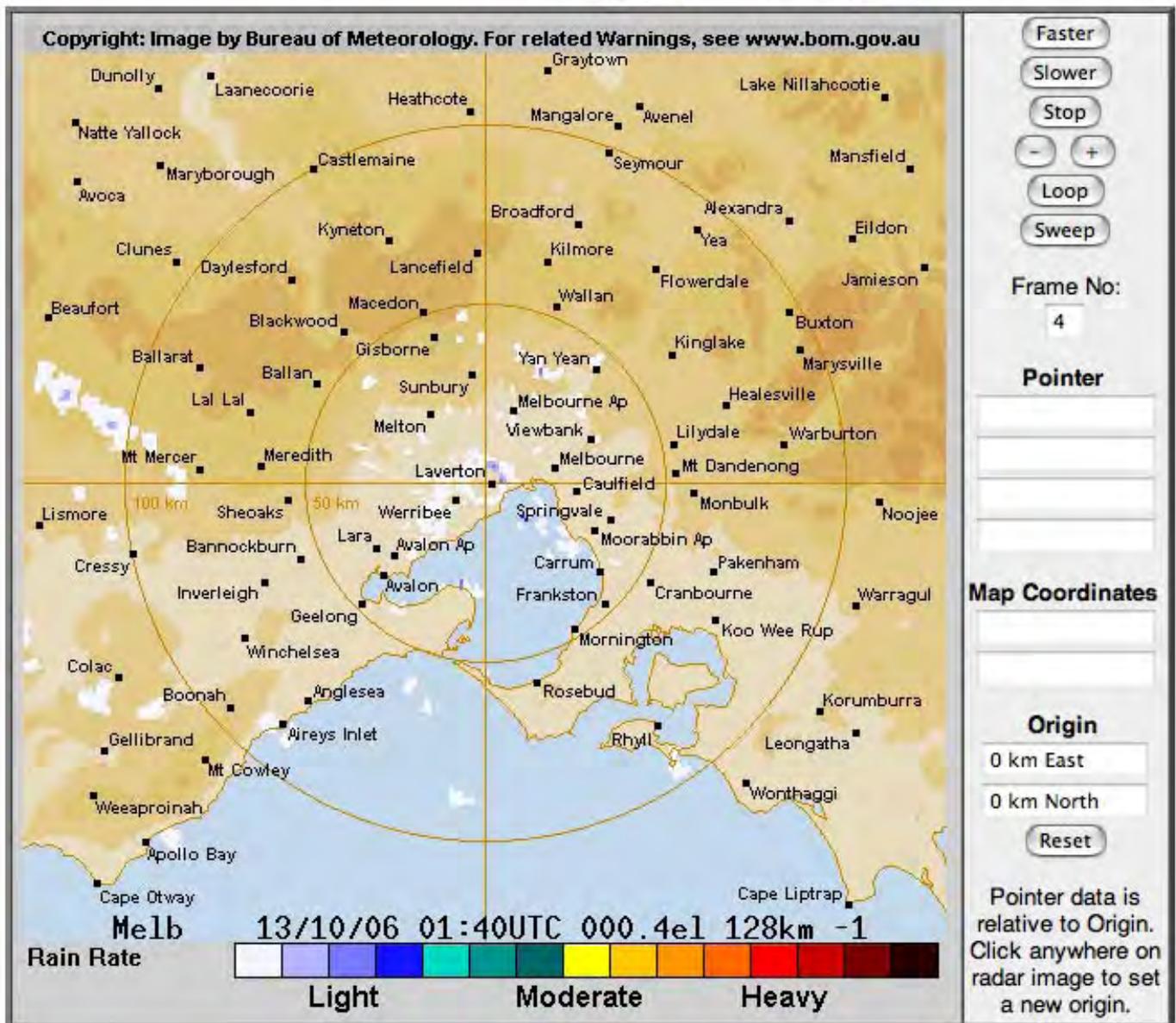
And if you are interested in weather further afield, the link to the Radar Home Page (just below the map pictured below) takes you to a map of Australia showing other weather radars to click on to visit. Mt Gambier obviously gives a good indication of how our weather will be some hours later.

128 km Melbourne Radar Loop

[Weather and Warnings](#)

128 km [latest image](#)
or 4 image [loop](#)

256 km [latest image](#)
or 4 image [loop](#)





Google Image Search

At our November meeting, we will go through many tips for using the Internet more efficiently, and no doubt we will touch on 'Googling'.

Have you tried Google Image Search? I use it so often that I save the address as a bookmark in my bookmarks bar. Incidentally, clicking on any picture will take you to the original page in which it appeared. Google Image Search is a fantastic tool for researching a holiday!

Here is the result when searching for "Barwon Heads Bridge" :

The screenshot shows the Google Images search interface. The search bar contains the text "barwon heads bridge". Below the search bar, there are navigation links for "Web", "Images", "Groups", "News", and "more". The search results are displayed in a grid of seven images. Each image has a caption and a URL. The first image is titled "The Barwon Heads bridge links ..." and is from www.intown.com.au. The second image is titled "Nine ways to approach Barwon Heads ..." and is from www.geelonginfo.com.au. The third image is titled "Barwon Heads Bridge, Bellarine ..." and is from www.lifestylefurniture.com.au. The fourth image is titled "Barwon Heads Bridge" and is from www.stayz.com.au. The fifth image is titled "... Committee For Barwon Heads Bridge" and is from www.vic.alp.org.au. The sixth image is titled "Barwon Heads Bridge" and is from members.optusnet.com.au. The seventh image is titled "Barwon Heads Bridge, Bellarine ..." and is from www.lifestylefurniture.com.au.

Note that you get many more hits when searching without the inverted commas, which leads me to the following tip which applies to any search in Google or similar software.

[Go to Google help pages](#)

Tip: what we are doing is called 'Boolean searching'. If we put three words in our search, such as Barwon Heads Bridge, Google finds sites with the word Barwon + the word Heads + the word Bridge. They won't all be about the bridge, indeed some of the 86 'hits' will be about Bridge Rd, Barwon Heads.

On the other hand, a search like the one above, for "Barwon Heads Bridge" with the words within inverted commas, only identifies the 7 sites where those three words appear together in that order.

Google's Help pages, pictured below, are excellent, and explain all this in detail:

The screenshot shows the Google Help Center page. The page title is "Google Help Center". The main heading is "The Essentials of Google Search". The text explains that doing a search on Google is easy and that Google produces a results page with the most relevant page appearing first. Below the text, there is a search bar with the word "Hawaii" and a "Google Search" button. The page also includes a list of basic tips to help maximize search effectiveness, such as "Choosing search terms", "Exclusion of common words", "Negative terms", "Capitalization", "Word variations", "I'm Feeling Lucky", "Automatic 'and' queries", and "Phrase searches".



Members' marketplace — wanted or for sale...

Many of our members are running old machines that won't run OS X. Imagine how frustrated they become when they are constantly hearing about stuff they just can't do!

Can you help? We are looking for good older iMacs...



email Steve with your advert

If you know someone with an unwanted older machine running OS X that is in good condition, ask them to email Steve and we will advertise it in this newsletter for just \$5.

Of course members' adverts are **free**.

BMUG members are always welcome to send us brief descriptions of any computers or accessories you would like to buy or sell. Obviously the club cannot take responsibility for any grievances that might arise from transactions, so keep the descriptions of gear as accurate as possible.

WANTED!!

Recent model iMac or eMac in excellent condition, must be running OS X, preferably G4 or G5 processor, preferably with CD/DVD burner.

Ring Ken or Carol on 5250 2665 and give your machine a good home.



BELLARINE MAC USER GROUP

NOTICE OF MOTION: INCORPORATION

The Steering Committee of the Bellarine Mac User Group has recommended that this Group apply to incorporate under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981*. Accordingly notice is given of the following resolution to be put before a General Meeting of this Group to be held at Neighbourhood House The Parade Ocean Grove on the 8th November 2006 at 4.00pm:

That the Bellarine Mac User Group consider, and if thought fit by a majority of its members present and entitled to vote, pass the following special resolution:

That this Group authorise Graeme Steven May of 25 Halibut Ave Ocean Grove Victoria to make application to the Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs for Incorporation as an Association to be called Bellarine Mac User Group Inc and that the Model Rules as set out in Schedule 5 of the Associations Incorporation Regulations 1998 be adopted.

Further, that the Group adopt the following Statement of Purposes:

- 1. To provide an opportunity for Apple Macintosh owners and users to meet and share their knowledge and become more involved in using their computer creatively.*
- 2. To assist Apple Macintosh owners and users, at all levels, to manage equipment and technology and learn problem-solving skills.*

Following the adoption of the resolution as set out above we need to:

(1) *Elect office bearers and committee members as follows:*

*President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee members (2)*

Nomination forms will be available at our meetings.

(2) *Resolve to set*

- Entrance fee (if any)*
- Annual subscription.*

(3) *Resolve to confirm our financial year as the 30th June*

(4) *Resolve to appoint Graeme Steven May as the first Public Officer.*

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The fantastic MacBook raffle — tickets selling fast!

The Apple Macintosh Users Society of Melbourne (AUSOM) has invited BMUG to take part in its annual December Raffle. (Drawn 2nd December 2006)

This year, the prize is a great top-of-the-range MacBook!

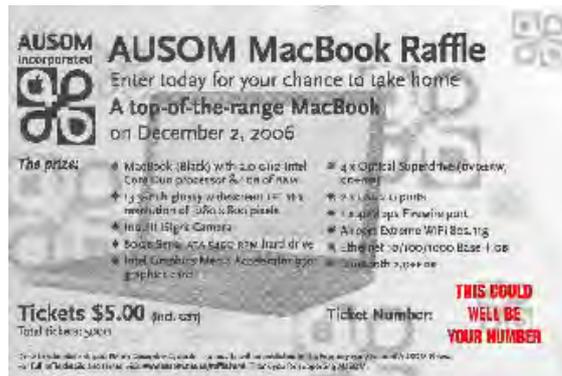
Tickets are priced at \$5.00 each and the GREAT NEWS is that for every ticket sold, BMUG gets to keep \$2.50.

The November meeting will be your last chance to buy a ticket and help boost BMUG funds. For tickets and/or ticket books just email Margaret.



All unsold tickets, stubs and raffle money MUST be handed in at the November meeting.

[email Margaret](#)



Remember, we welcome your feedback, suggestions, questions, tips, favourite widgets, ideas for meeting topics...

[email Steve — we sometimes wonder if anyone is reading](#)

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- email: info@bellarinemac.org.au

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