



Free Internet access in public libraries

Did you know that there are more public libraries than McDonalds outlets in NSW? This means there are numerous public libraries across NSW where you can access the Internet free of charge.

If you love reading or enjoy accessing lots of interesting information, the Internet is a brilliant tool for you. On the Internet, you can find the latest news, weather conditions, share prices, product information, health updates and more. You can also use it to keep in contact with family and friends.

"Seniors use the Internet as a communication tool and they love it! They use it to keep in contact with their family and friends, usually via emails." says Chris Jones, Chief Librarian of Great Lakes Library Service.

Don't despair if you don't have a computer at home, or are unsure how to use the Internet. Your local library can help you kick start your Internet experience. And it's free!

Libraries usually provide free Internet access for a half hour or one hour time slot. In busier libraries, you have to book ahead for your free session.

Free Internet access is just one way public libraries provide services to seniors.



What's great about libraries is that many of them provide free or very cheap Internet training, specially designed for older people. This is fantastic for beginners, as you get supportive trainers guiding you through the process, step by step.

Library staff also give you support when using their Internet facilities at any time.

Some libraries like the Great Lakes Library have equipment that makes Internet access more convenient for you. They have touchscreens, adjustable tables and chairs to make you more comfortable, tool that enlarge text on the computer screen and special design for people who have difficulty in using the standard keyboards and computer mouses. You can use library Internet to email people. Some libraries may charge a small fee for sending emails.

So next time you drop in at your



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local library, don't forget to ask for free Internet access. For a start, Seniors Card Web Site is a great place for you to experience the wonders of the Internet. Visit www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au

Surf's up!

Here's a list of Web sites which you might find interesting or useful. Happy surfing!

www.greataustralianmuster.com

The Sydney Royal Easter Show, tagged the Great Australian Muster, brings together everything that is Australian - from country to city and from agricultural excellence to the latest in entertainment. This site provides all the information about the Show - from entertainment, competitions, showbags, pavilions, kids and schools activities. When you go to the FAQ section, you can also look up entry costs, parking information, event timetable and information on wheelchair, stroller and power scooter hire. Don't forget to check details on Seniors Card Days, 25 and 26 March! And when the Show is over, you can even find out Agricultural Competitions results and other highlights from the Show.



www.marlo.com

Have you ever sent a card through the Internet to your grandchildren, family and friends? Now it's time to try! You can do it easily through this user-friendly Web site. You can even customise your greetings and add music to it. And it's free!

www.petnet.com.au

If you are a pet lover, you will find this Web site very useful. It is run by Petcare Information and Advisory Service Australia Pty Ltd (PIAS) - an autonomous, non-commercial organisation committed to promoting socially responsible pet ownership. This site provides all facts and figures about pets. Click on the PetLovers section and it will give you a guide on how to select a pet and breed that's most suitable for you. Go to PeTrivia where you can read about unusual pet tales. You can also email Petnet your pet stories by clicking on Contact Us.



www.babs.com.au

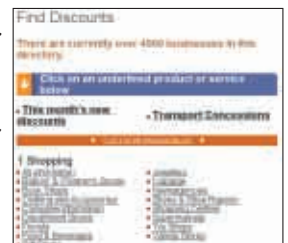
Babs provides an extensive list of bed and breakfast places around Australia. On the left of the home page, you can look for places by category of accommodation: from country estates, romantic hideaways to budget accommodation. Or by clicking on the map on the home page, you can search by state and region. Information here usually includes contact details, price and a picture of the accommodation.

www.se

The Seniors Card Web site has been developed to keep seniors informed about the latest discounts and helpful services available to you. Let's take a quick tour of the site to get you started.

Find Discounts

Get the most savings out of your Seniors Card by using this feature of the Web site. As well as pointing you



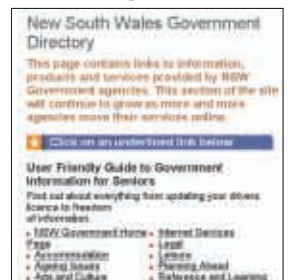
towards the latest discounts on offer to Seniors Card Members, the Seniors Card Web site has details of more than 4,000 businesses throughout New South Wales. But rather than you having to navigate through the maze of Web sites to hunt down that discount, Seniors Card has already done all that for you.

Short Term Offers

Check here regularly for the latest offers on tickets to sport, the arts and other special events, plus news of discounts on travel, computers and more good deals.

Government Directory

Have you ever tried to look up specific information made available to you by the Government?



With so much information and so many Government departments to choose from, this can sometimes be a daunting task. But the Seniors Card Web site has condensed all this information into a manageable and easy to use format with your needs in mind.

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Welcome to Seniors Card

Discover the benefits of your Seniors Card.

- About Seniors Card
- Are your Seniors Card details correct?

Find Discounts
Here's how to use the Seniors Card to save you money.

- Find discounts
- New discounts this month
- Transport discounts

Useful and Interesting Websites

- NSW Government links
- Visit our website links directory

Short Term Offers

- Seniors Card Travel Guide
- Tour New Zealand in February

Enter this Month's Competition

- Win a holiday for two to Peppers Resorts

Get Up and Go!

Australia's first travel guide for seniors

- Find out more!

Minister's Welcome

Faye Lo Po' welcomes you to the new Seniors Card web site.

- Find out more!

Upcoming Event

Seniors Week 2002 takes place from the 17th to the 24th of March.

- Find out more!

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Competitions

What's a good Web site without a good competition? Make sure you check the site regularly for exciting competitions.

News & Events

What's new with Seniors Card? Keep up to date by checking this page regularly for the latest news and events for seniors. You can also find out more about 2002 Seniors Week.

Manage your card

It's easy to manage your card membership online. Click on links to: Order a replacement Seniors Card; Cancel your Seniors Card; or change your registered address or phone number.

Interesting Links

Get your feet wet while surfing the Web. This page contains a number of links that appeal to seniors. Find links

to chat rooms, games, employment services, other seniors sites, retirement planning and more.

Email Newsletters

Sign up with one or more of three different regular newsletters which will be delivered to your email inbox, all free of charge. Choose from Travel, TechnoSeniors, and/or the Special Offers newsletters.

HEAR WHAT SENIORS SAID ABOUT OUR NEW WEB SITE

"I appreciate the clearly defined layout of the screen and the real information it offers. Thank you. I have your URL in my favourites."

"Excellent for rural card holders such as travel deals. Competitions and short terms offers are great."

"...thanks to this web site I am up-to-date with what's going on and things I can do with people my age."

Special Internet Offers

EXCLUSIVE TO SENIORS CARD MEMBERS



Pacific Internet

Pacific Internet is the first Internet Service Provider to offer an exclusive 10% discount to Seniors Card Members.

They offer great customer service with technical support on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To find out more and how to join up, visit their Web site www.pacific.net.au. Or call 13 36 35 between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday or between 9am and 6pm Saturdays.

NetGuide

NetGuide Magazine shows you how to get the best from the Internet. Published monthly, it's full of helpful tips and hints and provides easy-to-understand explanations and lots of excellent web sites to visit.

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TIPS *Getting free downloads*

The Internet provides a vast pool of useful information and is changing rapidly. It's also full of free things. Here are a couple of useful applications you can download for free:



Internet Explorer 6

This is the latest version of Internet Explorer with the highest level of security and privacy. It makes Internet access more convenient

and faster, offering stable, error-free browsing. Visit www.microsoft.com/windows/default.asp for more details.



Quicktime 4.1

If you have an Apple Mac computer and want to watch video and hear music with it, you will need QuickTime video player. You can download the latest free player from www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

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