

COMPUTERS and INTERNET

Don't have a computer?

Computers prices have fallen considerably over the last few years, but if you feel that this expense is still beyond your means, there are still a few non-profit organisations that obtain computers from large companies and rebuild them for resale at a low cost to people on Centrelink pensions and benefits. Below are listed 3 such organisations, also Australian Senior Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) will be able to answer any further enquiries on places that offer this service: **contact (02) 9286 3871; www.ascca.org.au**

WorkVentures computer products – [ConnectIT](http://www.workventures.com.au/connectit)

Offer high quality recycled computers from \$330 (Laptops from \$340). Other offers such as upgrades and Interest free purchase plans are also available. **ELIGIBILITY:** An individual who currently receives a Centrelink pension or concession or other government benefit including Department of Veterans Affairs; or able to otherwise verify your low income status. Also available to schools, and non-profit organisations.

Enquiries to: 1800 112 205; www.workventures.com.au/connectit

Charity Computers Australia

Normally based in a local church or Christian Organisation, Charity Computers is expanding throughout Australia. There are over 45 potential centres that are currently being vetted and brought on line. Individual holders of current Centrelink concession card can purchase recycled computers from as little as \$100 (Budget Pentium 4 available for \$50). PCs typically come complete with MS Windows and Open Office, as well as 12 months warranty and support.

Enquiries to: (02) 6101 6931 (National office in Charnwood, ACT); www.charitycomputers.com

Technical Aids to the Disabled (TAD)

TADNSW offer a choice of quality refurbished computers, plus a number of optional extras. Prices start at \$250 including a 2 year service agreement. Available to Pension card holders.

Enquiries to: (02) 9912 3400 or 1300 663 243 (Outside Sydney); www.tadnsw.org.au

... TADAust Connect

Information service to help Pensioners, People with Disabilities and Veterans to connect to the Digital World. This site has been developed to provide honest and accurate information to people who are contemplating purchasing an Internet Connection but would like to know more about it so that they can make good decisions before entering into contract with a provider

www.tadaustconnect.com

ONEseniors is part of the *ispONE* group of companies; *ispONE* is a wholesale telecommunications provider. ONEseniors was created especially for the over 55's to provide affordable services.

Services offered as at July 2011 = Dial Up Internet from \$6.95 per month, Broadband Internet from \$19.95 per month, budget Mobile phone plans from \$10 per month, Home phone plan from \$17.95 per month.

Or an all in one plan = Broadband + Home Phone + Mobile for \$20 per week.

No Annual Fee – Once off Set-up Fee from \$46.00 (Dial-Up) or \$90.00 (Broadband)

Contact: 13 30 01; www.oneseniors.com.au

TIPS: There are a number of public places where you can access the internet, Such as: your local library, Community Technical Centres in rural areas, Internet Cafes – (charge per ½ hour session). While these venues have staff that can offer assistance, you will need to possess basic computer and internet skills.

For details on where Computer Classes are available read the COTA FACT SHEET on ‘Active Lifestyles - Further Education’

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