

Radio Days – 2009-05-30

Tip of the Week – Recycling Computers

The Victorian government has a recycling scheme called *Byteback*. This mainly operates in and around Melbourne, but there is a computer recycling drop-off point at Officeworks in Ballarat and another drop-off point at the Eaglehawk Recycling Centre.

Officeworks will accept up to five computer items at one drop. The Eaglehawk Centre accepts and number of items at one drop, and charges \$5 for each monitor (other items are free).

Recycling your old computers is an excellent way to help the environment. This is both because old computers have a lot of heavy metals (like mercury) which are poisonous and because there are a lot of valuable metals (like gold) in computer circuit boards. The recovery and reuse of both of these types of materials will give work to people as well.

Emailing Photographs

The problem of how to email a number of photos at once has come up again. This time the photos were full size (about 3.5 MB each) so emailing twenty of them at once produced two problems: the email took far too long to send and it then bounced back to the sender. There was also the problem that photos of this size cannot be viewed in an email program, and this will stump a number of people

There are two problems here. The first is that the sender was sending an email which was far too large for any email address to receive, so it was being bounced back because of its size. No email address will accept any message over ten MB in size: this is something that you can rely on so please remember this size. Remember, too, that this is the sent size: emails expand in size when sent so you will have to check the size of the sent email by looking at the email in your *Outbox*.

If you need to send lots of full-sized photos then you need a photo-sharing site like *flickr*. You can find a number of these site by googling *share photo*. Each site will have its own rules so please check.

To send a large number of photos so that they can be viewed in an email program you need to start in the folder which holds the photos. This is usually *My Pictures* in *My Documents*, so this should be your starting point. Select all the needed photos: remember to use *Shift-Click* or *Ctrl-Click* to select more than one photo. Next, *right-click* on one of the selected photos then select *Send-To » Mail Recipient*. You are asked to *Make my pictures smaller*: click *OK* to start sending your email. Now select the recipients. You may want to correct both the *Subject* and the contents to make it easier to read. When you have done all this just click on *Send* as usual.

This will send all your photos in one email, and each photo will be the right size to be viewed easily in an email program. The whole email will also be small enough to get through to your friend's email inbox.

Another solution is to download a free program called *Picasa* from Google. This program helps you organise your photos, and also allows you to create a *web album*. You can also make these web albums public (which anyone can view) or private (which can be restricted to invited guests).

Websites

Officeworks	www.officeworks.com.au
Eaglehawk Recycling Centre	www.feo.net.au
Picasa	picasa.google.com