

# ACMS Adventures

The Australian Computer Museum Society Official Newsletter



## National Computer Heritage Centre Launches

A small covid safe cross section of members launch NCHC

Celebrating the efforts of our members past and present the ACMS launched to fanfare at a small covid safe ribbon cutting and event at West Street. The event dedicated to all of those of the last 27 years who have waited for this day. Our Member's Museum, Executive HQ office and training facility are now open. We would like to thank John Webster for doing us the honours of cutting the ribbon. John embodies all of those who could not be with us on the evening and we hope you get to spend a bit of time with him soon!

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### MUSEUM LAUNCHED

We have started to open to members to enjoy the collection.

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### HELP WANTED

Free on a Tuesday? Reach out to us to assist in sorting and storing unique pieces.

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### DONATIONS

Every dollar the ACMS raises supports our charitable works. No "admin" fees.



We accept Dine and Discover!  
The ACMS accepts Dine and Discover vouchers as payment!



Thank you to David Hayman for your generous donation and continued support!



**Catherine Fields**  
Finalisation of Catherine Fields occurs this month. Another chapter closed.

## ACMS in the Media.

### Positive news all around

The Sizzle & iTWire gave us both great write up's to their readership about what is happening over at the ACMS. We'd really like to thank Anthony at The Sizzle and Andrew and Alex at iTWire for their interest and support of our efforts. It's great to have you in our corner of the ring!

iTWire

<https://itwire.com/home-it/acms-official-opening-of-the-national-computer-heritage-centre.html>

The Sizzle

<https://thesizzle.com.au>



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic time the last few weeks have been.

The team and I have now officially launched both the National Computer Heritage Centre (NCHC) and the "Members Museum" at 9 West Street at a small gathering. Unfortunately we couldn't have all members and donors there due to the covid restrictions being extended last minute - however we were adamant to persevere as the 14th of May was the anniversary of the loss of our dear friend and former president John Deane.

Our members weekend and "Mini Museum" was a major success with around 60 people enjoying the exhibits and over half of those having signed up as members in the process.

The level of engagement was great to see, and the feedback and level of interest was heartening. This coupled with our dedicated membership base I'm sure we will see more projects, funding and exhibits in the near future.

We are now working on what is next for the ACMS, with our only concern moving forward being stable facility funding for the rent at West Street. We know that with the foundations laid to date we will be in a good position to attract donations from the community, our members and the corporate world along with grants if we continue with our clear objectives. I will share my teams vision with you via our grant proposal and state that my next objective is for more member engagement days and educational events at the NCHC in the coming weeks and months.

If you have any feedback or would like to help us achieve our vision, please reach out. We are very receptive to all help offerings and I know I am personally energised from the individuals I met over the weekend and the help that has been offered so far!

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## National Computer Heritage Centre member's days a huge success.

The team continues to learn a lot from our first events at West Street.

Everyone over the days, (new and old members alike) were so engaged and excited to see and touch these incredible machines and reminisce about a common love of vintage computing.

A number of high profile YouTube guests joined us over the event and the interest in the society and future plans push us to expedite and forge ahead knowing that we have their support.



People were treated to seeing a rare selection of Australian made computers and games with our VP and curator Riley Tipton Perry's personal passion of Aussie Tech and a major goal of the museum's local flavour tantalising our guests.

Running these events is not an easy task, particularly when you have a team of unpaid volunteers working together to create something special. We thank all of those involved; Riley, Sebastian, Murray, Joe, George

and Adrian for their efforts in getting this historic event up and running. The first true event for the ACMS.

**Thanks for the Meme-ories;**

Jokes aside... but....







## LEO Computers, Olivetti and the emergence of business computing in Europe

Presenter:

[Elisabetta Mori](#)

Middlesex University, London, U.K

Abstract:

LEO is the acronym of Lyons Electronic Office, a series of British computers manufactured for business applications by the catering firm J. Lyons & Co. and its subsidiary LEO Computers between 1947-1969. Established in 1908 as the first Italian typewriter company, Olivetti entered the computer business through a joint venture with the University of Pisa in 1954. The talk analyses both companies' philosophies and business models, marketing strategies and computer design, offering an insight on approaches, labour, technologies and patterns in the European computer industry during the 1950s and 1960s.

Biography:

Elisabetta Mori is a PhD candidate in the history and philosophy of computing with Middlesex University, London, U.K. She is also a member of the French ANR PROGRAMme Project. The focus of her research is the European history of computing of the 1950s and 1960s, with a special attention to computers, industrial design and Human-Computer Interaction. Her collaborations include the Museum of Computing Machinery, University of Pisa, Italy and Archives of IT and the LEO Computers Society in the UK.

Date: Friday 28 May 2021

Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST))

Via Zoom: Registrants will be provided with the Zoom link 24 hours prior to the event.

Registrations close 27 May 2021

Please email [Sebastian.Boell@acms.org.au](mailto:Sebastian.Boell@acms.org.au) for more information regarding this event.