



“Free & Low Cost Computers for The Illawarra.”

Open Every Friday from 10am – 3pm @ 28 Jardine Street, Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 for Donations/Deliveries/Queries

ComputerBank Illawarra commenced operations in October 2005 to provide access to computers for disadvantaged people. ComputerBank is a not for profit, non government, volunteer based organisation. As part of our commitment we provide free basic computer systems to disadvantaged individuals, families, and community groups.

While ComputerBank Illawarra is a volunteer based organisation, like any organisation it requires some funds to pay for normal operating expenses such as phone, telephone, stationary, etc. As such while the computers that we supply were originally donated to us, we expect a small contribution for the computers that we supply to cover such expenses.

Group Application for low cost ComputerBank Computers

is your organisation eligible?

If your organisation is an non-profit organisation, that comes within the following categories, then you may be eligible for free or low cost computers:

- Your organisation will be using the computers to increase exposure to computing technology to disadvantaged members of the community.
- Your organisation is volunteer based, and is engaged in activities supporting social justice.
- Your organisation is community based, and will be using the computers to assist the community.
- Yours is a Christian organisation and will be using the computers to assist with spreading the word of Christ.

The basic ComputerBank system comprises:

1. The Desktop computer hardware is usually a minimum Pentium III, running at up to 650Mhz, with 128Mb RAM, on a 2 – 8.4 Gig hard drive. It also has a floppy disk drive, min. 15” Monitor, a keyboard and mouse. These minimums may change from time to time, as we have parts available.
2. Linux Operating System. – This is a form of Linux OS, and is a complete operating system. – THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT RUN WINDOWS PROGRAMS, OR WINDOWS GAMES
3. The following free and open source software is installed:
Open Office for word documents, spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations, drawing, PDF Writer and Reader etc (compatible with Microsoft Windows)
4. Touch typing tutor, The GIMP imaging program and basic card and kids’ games.
5. Also included is the Mozilla web browser, Email reader and GAIM chat software. These programs will be useful if you purchase a modem and organise an internet connection.
6. The computer comes with an easy to read manual and free training.

Unlike Microsoft Windows computers there are no licence fees for the operating system, the desktop environment or any of the software on a Computerbank computer. The computers have been designed and built from the ground up by highly skilled volunteers at Computerbank. The computers are donated by organisations and individuals. The Linux operating system and most of the software included with it is available to use, copy, modify and distribute free of charge under the General Public License (GPL).

We do NOT supply Windows systems or Windows software. We do not configure “dual boot” systems.

Extras are available with the basic computer. This will vary depending on whether the parts need to be sourced.

Servers and Local Area Networks

Computerbank can supply servers and software for a complete Local Area Network. Costs apply if you require ComputerBank volunteers to travel to your organisation and set up the network and computers.

Application Form for an Organisation

Please complete this form and post it to:
ComputerBank Illawarra, PO Box 531, Fairy Meadow NSW 2519

1. Business Name:.....
2. Address:.....
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3. Telephone: Business Hours.....
4. Email
5. Web site.....
6. Contact at organisation:.....
7. Description of the organisation's activities
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8. Purpose to which the computers would be put
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9. Details of any external funding applied for
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10. Attach any supporting documentation that would assist your request for low cost computers.
11. Financial contribution for supply of computers
12. Signed on behalf of organisation
- Name
- Position in organisation date/...../.....

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Computer requirements

Number of computers required

Computer requirements:

Place a tick against the type of computer configuration you require:

➔ Standard Computerbank computer options: **Select one option only.**

- a) Basic computer (usually a low end PIII) (<650mhz)
- b) or Computer as above with sound card
- c) or Computer as above with CDROM
- d) or Computer as above with CDROM and sound card

➔ Other upgrade options:

- a) Pentium III upgrade (>650mhz)(more memory and bigger hard drive)
 - b) CD writer (> 15 X)
 - c) New dual layer DVD burner
- Additional requirements, (eg preferred disk capacity)
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Sever requirements:

Is a server required Y/N

Details of server & network requirements

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Delivery requirements:

Please provide details of what arrangements can be made to arrange pick-up from our Fairy Meadow premises.

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Any other relevant information (eg. Export or import clearance ig going overseas)

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