ArchiVZ

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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of this newsletter. First a little about myself and then my thoughts on where this newsletter should be going.

I first got interested in computers way back in 1979/80 when the ZX80 came out in the UK. However it was not until the beginning of 1983 that I finally owned a computer - A **VZ200**. The Dick Smith VZ Computer is the only computer that I have ever owned and I have now been using it for ten years. I have still not completed many projects that I have had in mind.
Currently I work for Computer Sciences of Australia and use an IBM clone. Although I do a variety of programming projects at work the VZ still has the best learning potential of any other computer I have used to date.

Now I have finished that blurb - Wake Up!!

At this stage I plan to produce **ArchiVZ** on a quarterly basis, however this depends upon **YOUR** support. I hope that **ArchiVZ** can be more of a discussion paper rather than a formal newsletter. You must also remember that there is no User Group producing this - **YOU** are the Users. While I have many ideas for the type of articles I shall write, I cannot do everything. Therefore it is up to **YOU** to submit any programs or other ideas.

There will be four main sections per newsletter, **Basic Programming, Z80 Assembler Programming, Hardware Projects** & a **Trading Post** section.

My main goal is to encourage owners of the VZ to help each other by showing what they can do. Hopefully we will all benefit from this. Remember that you will only get out what you put in.

The VZ Technical Library

"Information is FREE" - The True Hacker Ethic.

The main thrust behind my creation of the **VZ Technical Library** (T.L.) was to centralise all information about the VZ and then provide that information free (wherever possible) to any User who requests that information. **ArchiVZ** is one means by which to distribute free information.

The one request I make is that YOU cover the postage costs of any information you require.
I shall cover the costs of producing **ArchiVZ**.

Please note that software is deemed to be free once the authors permission has been granted. Thus you need not worry about any Software Piracy issues.
In the case of Dick Smith Electronics, it is known that they bought the copyright of all software sold. They have written to me indicating that they have no problems with me distributing any program.

The **T.L.** currently holds the following free information:-

Software :-

Description	Author
All VZ200/300 Programs	Dick Smith.
The Quickwrite Word Processor/Text Editor	L. Milburn.
Diskops - All Versions	L. Milburn.
Mouse Driver	L. Milburn.
Keyboard Driver	L. Milburn.
Extended BASIC (XB)	R. Harrison

Magazines (Photocopies of articles only provided) :-

All Magazine articles regarding the VZ200/300 Computers.

Australian Personal Computer Magazine (APC)	(Jan 1980	- Oct 1993)
Your Computer Magazine (YC)	(May 1981	- Jan 1992)
Electronics Today International (YC)	(June 1976	- April 1990)
Electronics Australia (EA)	(June 1976	- April 1993)
Micro 80 (M80)	(Dec 1979	- Aug 1983)
Elektor Electronics (EE)	(July 1991	- Nov 1993)
ComputerCraft (CC)	(April 1991	- Nov 1993)
Australian Electrcncis Monthly (AEM)	(July 1985	- Nov 1988)
P.C. Games (PCG)	(Nov 1984	- Jan 1986)

User Group Newsletters (Photocopies only provided) :-

DSE VZ200 Interface	#3 only	
DSE Comput	#1 - #5	(Complete Set. I also have the first New Zealand Issue which combined Aus #1 & #2.)
LE'VZ200/300 OOP	#2 - #27	(Missing #1 & # 4)
VEE ZEE News	#1 - #12	(Complete Set)
Micro Magic	#1 - #6	(Complete Set)
Studio Ad Lib	#1 - #6	(Complete Set)
VZCOMPU200/300	#1 - #4	(Complete Set)
Hunter Valley Journal	#1 - #43	(Complete Set todate)
VZ Down Under	#1 - #40	(Complete Set)
DiskMag	#1 - #4	(Complete Set)
VZ Link	#8,10, 13 & 14 only.	

Next Issue I will continue the list of magazines and also include books which may contain sections of interest. If you have any ideas about items you want included in the **T.L.** just let me know.

Below is a list of those magazines & newsletters which are either missing from the **T.L.** or a damaged copy is held. If you have any of these which you don't want let me know. With regards to User Group Newsletters I would be grateful even for photocopies and would cover any costs (within reason).

Magazines:-

(Needed)

Name	Issue/Volume	Notes
PCG	19 July 1984 Vol 1 #1	Back Issues were available from:-
PCG	Aug 1984 Vol 1 #2	77 Glenhuntly Road
PCG	Oct 1984 Vol 1 #3	Elwood
PCG	Dec 1984 Vol 1 #5	VIC 3164
PCG	Feb 1985	(03) 531 8411
PC User	Nov 1991	DOS 5.0 Command Ref Part 1
AEM	Nov 1986	
AEM	Dec 1987	
AEM	Aug 1988	
AEM	Dec 1988 onwards.	
EA	Pre June 1976	Not desperate for these.
EA	Jan, March 1977	
EA	Aug, Sept 1979	
EA	Nov 1989	
EA	May, Aug 1990	
EA	July, Dec 1992	
EA	93 (except April) & onwards	
ETI	Pre June 1976 (except November 1974)	ETI commenced sometime in 1971.
		Not desperate for these.
ETI	Feb, Mar, May, Jun 1977	
ETI	July, Aug, Sept 1979	
ETI	May 1981	
ETI	April, Nov 1988	Contains VZ Articles
ETI	Mar, April, May, Oct 1989	Contains VZ Articles
ETI	Feb, Mar, May 1990	May 1990 was the last issue of ETI before it merged with Electronics Australia.
APC	Vol 1 issue 1 - Vol 1 issue 7 (inclusive)	
APC	Dec 1989	
APC	Jan, Dec 1990	
APC	Nov 1993 and onwards.	
YC	Sept 1983	
YC	Jun - Oct 1984	
YC	Jan, July, Nov, Dec 1985	
YC	Jan, Mar - Nov 1986	
YC	All 1987	
YC	Jan - May, Aug, Sept, Nov, Dec 1988	
YC	Jan, Apr 1989	
YC	May - Dec 1990	
YC	All 1991 (except July, Dec issues)	
YC	Feb - Nov 1992	
YC	All 1993 and onwards.	

(Damaged)

EA	Nov 1984	Cover Damaged
EA	Dec 1988	Very Damaged

AEM	July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov 1985
AEM	Jan, Feb, Apr, May, June 1986

ETI	Aug 1982

User Group Newsletters:-

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Name	Issue/Volume	Notes
DSE VZ200 Interface	#1 & #2 Missing.	Only three issues were produced.
Output/Visual Display Unit	All Missing.	Luigi Chiodo was the editor. Commenced early 1984. It is known that at least seven issues were produced. Maximum number of issues unknown.
Christchurch User Group	All Missing.	Commenced July 1984 and finished about April 1988. Maximum number of issues unknown.
LYSCO Newsletter	All Missing.	Went from Nov 1984 to July 1986. At least ten issues were produced. Maximum number of issues unknown.
XILOG	All Missing.	Auckland Newsletter. Commenced about December 1984. It is known that at least eight issues were produced (#8 dated August 1985). Maximum number of issues unknown.
Out West VZ200 User Group	Both Missing.	Rick Swancott was editor. Commenced December 1984. Only two issues were produced.
VZ-Link	All but four Missing. (Refer previous page)	New Zealand Newsletter. Peter Hill was editor. Commenced October 1986 Last Issue was # 73.
J & R Software	All Missing.	Last known tape letter was Vol 1 #3 dated January 1985.
VZ200/300 OOPs	#1 Missing.	John D'Alton was the editor.

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VZ User	#3	Some pages missing.
Vee Zee News	#10	Some pages missing.
VZ200/300 OOPs	#4	Some pages missing.

Trading Post

This section is dedicated to the VeeZedders who wish to sell their setup. I shall only list their name, contact number, hardware list and what price they want for it. In some cases some of this information may be missing.

Name	Contact Number	Price	Hardware List	
Stan Bourke	(044) 55 5825 (home)	Any reasonable offer.	VZ300, Printer Interface, 16K Memory Expansion, VZ RTTY.	
Mr Chimes	(070) 54 3654 (home) (070) 51 6822 (work)	$100 for the lot or see list for individual prices.	VZ200 16K Ram Expansion Datasette + Tapes Books + Mags	$55 $15 $25 $15
Richard Clements	(02) 449 1992 (home)		VZ200 VZ300 Software per tape Video Cable Tape Cable Power Supply	$40 $60 $2 $5 $5 $15
Peter Ellis	(03) 886 1359 (home)	Make an offer.	VZ300, Printer Interface, 16K Memory Expansion, VZ Printer Plotter.	
Ron Fear	(02) 53 9521	Make an Offer.	VZ200 (needs repair) VZ300, Disk Controller, 1 Disk Drive, Printer Interface, 16K memory Expansion, GP100 Printer, Slim Line Data Recorder, Monitor & BW TV.	
John Grace	(002) 43 8114	$50 Plus Postage.	VZ300, Printer Interface, VZ RTTY, DR20 Datasette.	
Russell Harvey	(09) 446 5754	Make an offer.	VZ200, Printer Interface, 16K Ram Expansion plus manuals.	

Name	Contact Number	Price	Hardware List
Wayne Haworth	(056) 25 1268		Various bits and pieces of hardware, software and documents.
John Hutchinson	(03) 802 6553	Make an offer.	VZ300, 16K Memory Expansion, Data Recorder.
Stefan Kohlhoff	(02) 451 7322	$180 ono.	VZ300 (not used), Datasette, VZ RTTY, Joysticks, 16K Ram (for VZ200), Books & Software.
John Luxton	(071) 27 1515 (home)	$300 ono.	Has a **LOT** of hardware for sale. Including modified VZs and Disk Controllers.
Robert Murray	(03) 763 6394	Make an offer.	VZ300, 16K Memory Expansion, VZ200 Datasette, Joysticks.
Forest Nugent	(097) 56 1271	Sell as job lot only. Make an offer.	2 VZ200 (damaged), 1 VZ300, Printer Interface, 16K Memory Expansion, Word Pro Cartridge, Joysticks.
Luis Olivares	(02) 823 3642	Make an offer.	VZ200 (not working), VZ300, 16K Memory Expansion, Joysticks, Monitor, Data recorder.
John Phelan	(03) 749 4280	Best Offer.	VZ300, Joysticks.
Leslie Milburn	(02) 580 0492	Phone for list.	Duplicate copies of magazines and books held in the Technical Library. Also original Dick Smith Software Tapes.

Buyers: If you buy any items from the above people could you please let me know so that I can update the list.

Sellers: If you do sell any of your equipment can you pass their name and address on to me so that I can keep in contact with as many VZ Users as possible.

Other VZ Publications/ User Groups

Hunter Valley Journal   Editor: Joe Leon
                                Address: 35 Tighes Terrace,
                                             Tighes Hill
                                             NSW 2297

This is an excellent publication containing a wealth of information about the VZ. It contains many Hardware and Software projects for the beginner and expert alike.
I recommend that you subscribe and support this journal. Subscription rates are approximately $18-00 for six issues. I would also advise that you order all Back Issues for inclusion in your personal VZ library.

Other Groups

It is my understanding that two VZ User Groups may still be operating in New Zealand. At the moment I am investigating whether this is the case or not. If so I shall inform you of the contact address in the next issue.

End Notes

Please find enclosed all annual indices of the EA and ETI magazines currently held in the **T.L.** Unfortunately some are missing but eventually we will get them all.

Also find a listing of all VZ200/300 magazine articles which was last updated at 31st July 1990. My thanks goes to **Bob Kitch** who kindly donated his master copies of these articles to the Technical Library. If you find that the list is in error or incomplete, please advise me and I will make the neccessary changes.

If you wish to get in touch with me, my address is

   2/124 Railway Parade, Mortdale NSW 2223 Australia.

or phone (02) 580 0492 between 6 and 8 pm most days.