

## Why YOU should come to the 2013 Australian Computer Conference - in 11,000+ words!

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We have some really fantastic entries for the 2013 ASCCA Digital Photography, Video Story, Creative Writing, Newsletter and Website Competitions which close at 4.00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



**Good Luck to all those members who entered the Competitions and Good Luck and Thanks to our Judges.**



Let us share some favourite moments from previous ASCCA Conferences. There are so many it is hard to choose; however, this happy greeting between June from Tasmania and Kathy from Adelaide shows the joy of renewing friendships and a spirit of anticipation as the Conference gets under way.

At morning tea and again at lunch time there are the many interesting Trade Tables to explore, with new products and ideas to take in as you mingle and enjoy the "buz" of the day and anticipate the next speaker's presentation.



Then it's time for another great speaker or two. Our Microsoft & Google speakers are very popular!



Our favourite "fashion aficionado" and Gadget Guy, Pete Blasina always drops in before lunch to give us all the latest news on technology - his ideas on fashion don't seem to keep abreast of new trends like his valuable grasp on new "gadgets" to interest us!

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## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

1 - 7 October, 2013 - Tasmania Seniors Week

6 - 13 October, 2013 - Victorian Seniors Festival

14 - 20 October, 2013 - Carers Week

11 - 18 November, 2013 - Western Australia Seniors Week Festival

**Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 November, 2013** - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors to be held at Rydges World Square Hotel, Pitt Street, Sydney. Make sure to put these dates in your diary NOW - we are pleased to be able to keep the costs the same as last year! We look forward to seeing you there!

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Next it is time for a delicious sit down lunch eaten with old friends, or with people you don't yet know; but these people may have great ideas you can share and take back to your own club.

After lunch and another look at the Trade Tables, the Concurrent Sessions lure you to attend the two presentations that most perfectly match your special interests. Technical, Creative or Information of Special Interest - you know the speakers you choose will be excellent.



Our speakers understand and engage with their audience and are generous in donating their time. We learn so much and are enthused by what we hear and learn. See our 2013 Speakers on the ASCCA Website [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au)



Then there is the table laden with a wonderful variety of "Lucky Door Prizes" and your chance to choose the prize you like best.

**AND ALL THIS IS JUST DAY ONE! THEN THERE IS DAY TWO SO WE CAN LEARN MORE AND HAVE FUN ALL OVER AGAIN!**



On Day One you also have the opportunity to share in the ASCCA AGM and enjoy the Awards for the Annual Competitions.

Then perhaps Dinner in town with the "Out of Towners" or straight home if you choose.

This year, a seat is reserved for YOU - YOU will enjoy every moment!



## Looking into Google



Here is a link to a Google Webpage that is of interest to those of us who like to know what is going on in the world of internet and also the things which may affect our computers and other internet enabled devices. <http://www.google.com/transparencyreport/?hl=en>

Titled, **Google Transparency Report** it has tabs called, **Home, Traffic, Removal Requests, User Data Requests and Safe Browsing**. Each of these tabs provides links to detailed information and FAQ lists that throw light on the operations of some of Google's many services.

Especially interesting are the graphs showing the number of threats in the form of "phishing" and "malware" and explanations about "attack sites" and "compromised sites". You can find out how **Google's Safe Browsing** works as it examines billions of URLs per day in search of unsafe websites. It is staggering to discover there are thousands of new unsafe sites revealed every day, although many of these are legitimate websites that have been compromised. It is very helpful for the owners of a compromised website to know how to go about rectifying this unpleasant situation with the cooperation of Google's experts.

You may also be interested in the way Google handles requests from governments and courts around the world to hand over user data and requests from copyright owners or governments to remove information and links.

You can also gain an insight on the censorship of Google's services in various countries; like Morocco which singles out Google Earth, China which bans all Google Sites, Picasa Web Albums

and YouTube and Tajikistan which has blocked YouTube for the third time in less than a year. Although no reason was given, it is thought the ban may be a backlash over a video report of the wedding of the President's son featuring an apparently inebriated President singing and dancing.

Here is a link to the **Google Public Policy Blogspot** with a post about how you can "**Plan your digital afterlife with Inactive Account Manager**" a relatively new feature that makes it easy to tell Google what you want done with your digital assets when you die or can no longer use your account for any reason. <http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.com.au/2013/04/plan-your-digital-afterlife-with.html>

You will be rewarded with many fascinating posts on a wide array of topics if you go to the **HOME Tab** of this Blog and investigate some of these, like; Helping passwords better protect you, Securing your WiFi network, Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft, Improving software patent quality to support innovation or Fighting human trafficking. Here there is a YouTube video well worth the three minutes and five seconds of your life it will take to watch. [http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.com.au/2013/04/fighting-human-trafficking\\_3969.html](http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.com.au/2013/04/fighting-human-trafficking_3969.html)

**AND** the list goes on and on!

There is of course a strong American bias in many of the stories covered in this blogspot, but in our "Google Global Village" most stories are more than relevant to us in Australia.

### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NSW SENIORS TO TRY NEW THINGS

The Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation is promoting *Give it a go* month providing physical activities and wellbeing programs for Seniors, throughout the month of September.

Seniors will be able to try new things, including bushwalks, canoe tours and cycling - there will be a host of exciting and affordable activities on offer at 11 Centres, with Exercise & Sports Science Australia (ESSA) people on site at selected events to provide health checks, stretching information and general advice on healthy ageing.



These activities will also provide a fun way to meet new people and connect with the great Australian outdoors.

You can do as much as you like; all programs and activities are flexible and alternate activities are offered to ensure everyone is catered for.

For more information or to book call 13 13 02 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/seniors/index.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/seniors/index.asp)

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Pass on this issue of the ASCCA newsletter by printing copies for distribution, or make a list of all your club members with email addresses and forward it to them. It is of interest to each member of every club, not just Committee members.

The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website: - [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au) You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of ASCCA is required.

Membership of ASCCA is open to all Seniors Computer Clubs, Organisations with a membership including Seniors, and organisations that recognise the value of computer technology for Seniors.

Cost of ASCCA membership  
Up to, and including, 40 members - \$110 Incl. GST  
Over 40 and up to 100 members - \$150 Incl. GST  
Over 100 members - \$250 Incl. GST  
Corporate Membership also welcome.

If you fit one of those categories and are interested in joining ASCCA please go to our website [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au) or email [office@ascca.org.au](mailto:office@ascca.org.au) to find out how to start a club or read some of the advantages of joining ASCCA if you are an existing club.

An Application Form is available on the website.

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Contributions are welcome. Remember this is **YOUR NEWSLETTER**. Please take special note clubs outside Sydney and NSW. Please forward contributions by email to the editor.

## New Australian Privacy Principles Released for Public Consultation



*The Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012* (Privacy Amendment Act) was passed with amendments on 29 November 2012. It introduces many significant changes, although they will not happen until March 2014.

<http://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-act/privacy-law-reform>

Australian and Norfolk Island government agencies and businesses should start preparing now and individuals should also be aware that from December 2012 if they fail to make loan or credit card payments on time, it may affect their ability to obtain credit in the future.

On Friday, 23 August 2013, the Australian Information Commissioner and the Australian Privacy Commissioner, released draft Australian Privacy Principle (APP) Guidelines for public consultation.

"These Guidelines will play an important role in helping Australian Government agencies and private sector organisations understand and comply with their new obligations. The new privacy laws

will affect every Australian so it's important that the Guidelines are practical, accessible and that we get the balance right," Professor McMillan said.

The draft Guidelines will be released in stages. The first stage gives guidance about new requirements for agencies and organisations about how they manage personal information, including the requirement to have a clearly expressed and up-to-date privacy policy.

The new laws will give people a better understanding of how their personal information will be handled so that they can make an informed decision about interacting with the bodies covered by the Privacy Act.

The remainder of the draft Guidelines will be released over the next month. Finalised Guidelines will be published before the end of the year.

The consultation is open until close of business Tuesday 20 September 2013. Please send submissions to [consultation@oaic.gov.au](mailto:consultation@oaic.gov.au)

Organisations (like our ASCCA Clubs) are encouraged to channel feedback through industry associations and peak bodies to ensure that the Guidelines can be finalised as soon as possible.

ASCCA Clubs with feedback may contact us at [ascca@ascca.org.au](mailto:ascca@ascca.org.au)