

**A picture really is worth 1,000 words to describe the fun we had at the 13th Annual ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors**

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**COMPETITION CHAMPION CLUB—PHOTOGRAPHY**

**1st Place: AUSOM Inc.**

**2nd Place: Westlakes Seniors Computer Club**

**3rd Place: Hurstville Seniors Computer Club & Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping**

**COMPETITION CHAMPION CLUB—CREATIVE WRITING**

**1st Place: Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc.**

**2nd Place: Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc.**



There really is no adequate way to describe the wonderful sense of fun and expectation as our ASCCA members and other welcome delegates gathered at the Rydges World Square Hotel on Wednesday 16th November to begin our two day computer conference. After a warm welcome from our President Nan Bosler, our MC Sandra Brophey introduced the well known broadcaster Paul Wallbank. He wasted no time engaging us with his IT knowledge and humorous comments about the

NBN and Microsoft, as our Keynote Speaker Senator the Hon. Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and Gianpaolo Carraro from Microsoft sat in the front row waiting their turn to speak. We immediately warmed to Senator Conroy as we learned he also appreciates our Nan and all she does for Seniors when it comes to embracing technology. Senator Conroy had also kept his appointment to tell us the latest news about the NBN, despite

## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

### Elected Board Members 2011-2012

Nan Bosler OAM, President  
Joan Craymer, Vice President  
Jim Parker, Treasurer  
Sandra Brophrey, Director  
Annette Stuckey, Director  
Wendie Lambert, Director



### NSW Seniors Week 18-25 March 2012

We are planning an exciting EXPO at 280 Pitt Street on Wednesday 21st March 2012. The theme will be "A Library in the Sky" and we are working on some exciting ideas. We are also planning free introductory 'taster' sessions. More later.

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## The 13th Annual ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors



Daryn McKenny - Miromaa  
Aboriginal Language &  
Technology Centre



Steve Dunscombe  
Choice Computer



Heather Garnsey  
Society of Australian  
Genealogists

being expected in Canberra to meet with the USA President later in the day.

ASCCA is indebted to all our generous speakers throughout the two days for volunteering their time and expertise so cheerfully. We also appreciate the dedication of our information stall holders for patiently listening to our questions and offering help and instruction on their services and products - all of which were most relevant to our needs as seniors interested in technology.

As usual Microsoft were very generous to us with the three speakers they gave us and the panel of experts who were available for the whole of both days of the conference.

It was helpful to have the insights of Lyn Dalton, CEO of the Centre for Volunteering and we found we could relate to many of the problems she presented and the solutions she suggested. Heather Garnsey, EO of the Society of Australian Genealogists informed us of the amazing scope of information available online while warning us not to be careless as a result of the ease and volume of data available. We gasped with amazement at Daryn McKenny's practical demonstration of the timeline of Aboriginal history and culture. Daryn, who is the GM of Miromaa Aboriginal Language and Technology Centre engaged us in the quest to preserve all indigenous languages throughout the world.

Steve Dunscombe from Choice introduced us to the Choice Computer Magazine and told us of "the Peoples' Watchdog's" efforts to provide impartial advice to consumers. We learned about the excellent webtools available to us on the new MoneySmart Website from Nicole Hoshcke who is one of their Financial Planners working to provide relevant information particularly for seniors. We also had the opportunity to discover from Simon Gee, Manager Operations and Business Innovation, Connecting Up Australia about the latest assistance available to non-profits.

All our Concurrent Sessions were well supported and we were grateful to have Leonie Erickson from Centrelink, Paul Parton from FamilySearch, Caroline Romeo from the HACC Multicultural Access Program, Rob Drummond from Quantum RLV and Adam Ireland and Deeps De Silva from Microsoft to share their expert knowledge.

However, we were also proud to be able to offer exciting sessions with so many of our own "home grown" enthusiasts who helped us explore ideas and "gadgets" like iPads, eBay, Word Graphics, Apple Macs, Blogging and Android Smart Phones in such an enjoyable non threatening way. Thanks to Teresa Wilson and Diane Brentnall from ASCCA, Graham Clark from Manly, David Bennett from Avalon, Joan Craymer from Epping and Sandra Brophrey from Forest for their time.

## Strengthening our Links with Japan through our Conferences

In our October Newsletter we reported on a Photo Competition Event to promote positive attitudes after the devastating Japanese earthquake - with mention of another competition for the best message of encouragement - the winner to be announced during a Global Senior Net Online Forum in Tokyo on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Our ASCCA message won this competition and Nan Bosler, Sandra Brophy and Deborah Martin from ASCCA joined in the online forum for the announcement via Skype and heard something of the work of training seniors in IT in Japan and told the audience something of what we do

at our ASCCA Clubs. Sony generously donated a camera as the prize for the message and what a joy to have the camera personally delivered into Nan's hands at our own Sydney Conference by Marchan Wakamiya just 15 days later! Marchan also delighted us with a short demonstration of how she teaches her students in Japan. Our members really admired her courage in registering and attending a computer conference in another country in another language - what a wonderful example she set for us all in taking life as an endless journey of discovery and learning. Marchan left our conference having made many new friends.

*The photo on the left shows Marchan sitting in front of a screen with our Nan talking via Skype at the Tokyo Forum. The middle photo shows Marchan presenting the Sony Camera to Nan at our Sydney Conference. What to do with one camera - of course - as a wonderful lucky door prize, Nan and Marchan passed it on to a very happy ASCCA member, Helen from the Parramatta Club.*



## ASCCA Competition Results - Creative Writing

Our Creative Writing Judge Kaye Fallick again travelled from Melbourne to be with us at the Conference and to present her awards.

### Poetry:

**1st Place:** Barbara Bartlett - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc. *'The Keyhole'*.

**2nd Place:** Bruce Deitz - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc. *'Wave Riding'*.

**3rd Place:** Barry Stephenson - Endeavour Seniors Computer Club *'Euchred'*.

### Highly Commended:

Meri Forest - Peel SeniorNet Association Inc. *'Love Poem in the Making'*.

Bruce Deitz - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc. *'Big City Life'*

### The Door:

**1st Place:** Grant Nichol - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. *'Guardian of the Stadthuys'*.

**2nd Place:** Fred Schinkel - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc. *'The Opened Door'*.

**3rd Place:** Catherine Saunders - Illawarra Computer Enthusiasts ICE *'The Shed Door'*.

**Highly Commended:** Bruce Deitz - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc. *'The Door to...?'*

### A Travel Tale:

**1st Place:** Grant Nichol - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. *'Fushima Inari'*.

**2nd Place:** Judith Joyce - Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. *'Salvatore's Travels'*.

**3rd Place:** Connie Vallis - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. *'Back to the Past'*.

**Highly Commended:** Fred Schinkel - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc.

*'That Word Travel'*.

### Courage:

**1st Place:** Barry Stephenson - Endeavour Seniors Computer Club *'A Cocktail of Courage and Kindness'*.

**2nd Place:** Fred Schinkel - Computer Pals for Seniors - Newcastle Inc. *'Quiet Courage'*.

**3rd Place:** Judy Young - AUSOM Inc. *'A Song to Remember'*.

**Highly Commended:** Elizabeth Barton - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc.

*'Courage with Love'*. *Thanks Kaye.*

## ASCCA Competition Results - Club Newsletter & Website, Digital Photography & PhotoStory Slide Show

Gwen Bradford  
Newsletter Editor



### OUR GRAND CHAMPIONS

John Lombard  
Westlakes - Digital  
Photography Champion



Grant Nichol - The Hills  
Creative Writing  
Champion



Judith Joyce  
Parramatta  
PhotoStory Champion



After the formalities of the ASCCA AGM the winners of our 2011 Competitions were announced and presentations were made to those lucky winners able to attend.

Our Club Newsletter and Club Website Judges were Pamela Spurr, National Manager Online Communications, Department of Human Services, Centrelink and her Intern Hayley Noblett who came from Canberra to make their presentations.

### Club Newsletter Competition

Congratulations went to:

**First Place** 'Open Windows @ Epping', the Newsletter of Computer Pals for Seniors—Epping Inc. and the Editor Gwen Bradford.

**Second Place** was taken out by 'Bits & Bytes' and the Editor David Hogan of Port Macquarie Seniors Computer Group Inc.

**Third Place** went to 'ParraPals Newsletter' and the Editor Margaret Tucker Moxon of Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors Inc.

### Club Website Competition

Congratulations went to:

**First Place** Port Macquarie Seniors Computer Group Inc. and the Webmaster Peggy McCauley.

**Second Place** Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. and the Webmaster Margaret Tucker Moxon.

**Third Place** Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle—Inc. and the Webmaster Bruce Carter.

Thanks Pamela and Hayley.

Our Photography Judge Geoff Beatty from Still Photography came from the Blue Mountains to present his awards. Thanks Geoff

### Digital Photography Competition

**Landscape Enhanced:**  
**1st Place:** Tuck Leong – AUSOM Inc. 'Snow Daisies Landscape'.

**2nd Place:** Roland Milosh – Hawkesbury Seniors Computer Group 'Old Shack'.

**3rd Place:** Horst Jakobi – Forest Computer Pals for Seniors Inc.

'King George River'.

### Highly Commended:

John Lombard - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc.

'Atacama Desert Colours'.

Bede Churchward – Endeavour Seniors Computer Club 'Murray Panorama'.

Georgine Jakobi – Forest Computer Pals for Seniors Inc.

'Prince Frederick Harbour'.

Anthony Major - AUSOM Inc.

'Sailing at Mornington'.

Rosalie Mills - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. 'Tranquil Reflections'.

### Landscape Not Enhanced:

**1st Place:** Henri Osieck – Computer Pals for Seniors - Northern Beaches 'Moraine Lake, Canada'.

**2nd Place:** John Lombard – Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. 'Patagonia Sunset'

**3rd Place:** Geoff Turton – Hurstville Seniors Computer Club Inc. 'Yellowstone NP'

### Highly Commended:

Wendy Faulkes -

Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. 'Moving Reflections Katherine and Kimberly Coast'.

### People Enhanced:

**1st Place:** Kate Orr – Peel SeniorNet Inc. 'Jacqueline'.

**2nd Place:** Roland Milosh - Hawkesbury Seniors Computer Group 'Sudanese Children'.

**3rd Place:** Marilyn Richardson – Hurstville Seniors Computer Club Inc. 'So How Was Your Day'.

### Highly Commended:

Georgine Jakobi – Forest Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. 'Having Fun'.

### People Not Enhanced:

**1st Place:** Gail Birmingham – AUSOM Inc. 'Winners Are Grinners'.

**2nd Place:** John Lombard - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. 'Trekking Atacama'.

**3rd Place:** Sue Searls – AUSOM Inc. 'Pensive Pose'.

### Highly Commended:

Elizabeth Kaucner - Horsham &

## 2011 ASCCA Competition Winners DVD now available

### COMPETITION CHAMPION PHOTOGRAPHER

#### 1st Place:

John Lombard  
Westlakes Seniors  
Computer Club Inc.

#### 2nd Place:

Patricia Beal  
Computer Pals for  
Seniors - Epping Inc.

#### 3rd Place:

Roland Milosh  
Hawkesbury Seniors  
Computer Group

### COMPETITION CHAMPION CREATIVE WRITER

#### 1st Place:

Grant Nichols  
Computer Pals for  
Seniors - The Hills Inc.

We now have available a 2011 ASCCA Competition DVD which is on sale through ASCCA for \$11 including postage. If any of your members would like one it contains:

- A coffee table book of all the winning entries with a full page for each entry and the portrait and name of photographer, club name and title of photo on the facing page.
- A 2012 Calendar with first place photos as full page and others as smaller pictures sharing a page.
- All the winning Photo Story Slide Shows to play and enjoy, plus a small coffee table book with a full page photo from each "show", plus the portrait and name of photographer, club name and title of photo on the facing page.
- A coffee table book containing all the winning Creative Writing Stories and poems with writer portraits, etc.
- All the full Power Point Shows of the winners of all the competitions shown at the AGM.

The books and calendar are all in high print quality pdf files so those who buy the DVD may enjoy them on their computer or choose to print those items they wish to enjoy in hard copy. Proceeds of the DVD will help with the costs of the competition certificates, laminating, frames, postage etc.

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District U3A Inc. *'Apple Of My Eye'*  
Robin Calder – AUSOM Inc. *'Imminent Encounter'*.

Marilyn Richardson – Hurstville Seniors  
Computer Club Inc. *'Maasai Warrior'*

#### General Enhanced:

**1st Place:** Denise Lombard – Westlakes  
Seniors Computer Club Inc. *'Natures Ice Sculpture'*.

**2nd Place:** Patricia Beal – Computer Pals for  
Seniors - Epping Inc. *'Santorini Stairs'*.

**3rd Place:** Chris McQuillan AUSOM Inc.  
*'Solar Fleur'*.

#### Highly Commended:

Nancy Moxom – Computer Pals for Seniors-  
Epping Inc. *'Lorikeet'*.

Barry Porter - Hurstville Seniors Computer  
Club Inc. *'Kookaburra Looking For Lunch'*.

Lindsay Threadgate – Computer Pals for  
Seniors Newcastle Inc. *'Drying Mud'*.

#### General Not Enhanced:

**1st Place:** Patricia Beal – Computer Pals for  
Seniors - Epping Inc. *'A red Boat'*.

**2nd Place:** Allan Masters – Westlakes Seniors  
Computer Club Inc. *'Hands'*.

**3rd Place:** Tim Gurrie – AUSOM Inc. *'Monty'*.

#### Highly Commended:

Carolyn Rasmussen – AUSOM Inc. *'Fire Fighting Equipment China'*.

Barry Keen – Computer Pals for Seniors  
Newcastle Inc. *'Fish Anyone?'*

Robert Cutting – AUSOM Inc.

*'Flatout in New York'*.

John Lombard – Westlakes Seniors Computer  
Club Inc. *'Galapagos Great Frigate Bird Displaying'*.

Thanks to Paul De Araujo from Microsoft for  
coming to present the PhotoStory awards  
judged by Paul Clark who has moved to the USA  
where we wish him great success and happiness.

#### PhotoStory Slide Show Competition

##### Travel:

**1st Place:** Coryn O'Nains - Computer Pals  
for Seniors – Epping Inc. *'Realm of Water  
Snow & Ice'*

**2nd Place:** Marilyn Richardson - Hurstville  
Seniors Computer Club Inc. *'African Safari'*

##### General:

**1st Place:** Pam Doughty - AUSOM Inc.  
*'Felix is Four'*.

**2nd Place:** Kevin Woodman - Carrington  
Computer Club for Seniors *'Sydney University  
Past & Present'*.

**3rd Place:** Judith Joyce - Parramatta  
Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. *'A Dog Named  
Marley'*.

##### Genealogy:

**1st Place:** Judith Joyce - Parramatta  
Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. *'Rivers &  
Resilience'*

**2nd Place:** Carolyn Davis - ASCCA Cyber  
Club *'John Graham Weir MBE JP'*.

PHOTO STORY CHAMPION - JUDITH JOYCE

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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 those Organisations that recognise the value of computer technology for Seniors. Cost of ASCCA membership is \$110 per year, including 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 to download.

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## Welcome to Bexley North Seniors Club in NSW



We are excited to welcome our newest ASCCA Club, Bexley North Seniors Club which has a small weekly meeting of around 12 people with just one computer at present. The immediate goal is to teach these people, aged from 70-85 years, to use a computer and contribute to their comfortable enjoyment of life in the 21<sup>st</sup>

Century. We wish them success as they learn and pass on their knowledge to others in the area. This is certainly the perfect situation for ASCCA and our member clubs to provide encouragement and practical help to a fledgling club.

The Sydney suburb of Bexley North is part of the City of Rockdale local government area, about 13 kilometres south of Sydney. Like many Sydney suburbs, it was the coming of the railway line in the 1880s which led to its development. Later on, in the early 1930s the opening of the East Hills Railway Line with the new Bexley North Station opened the area up significantly with many new homes being built.

Around 1812 a large grant of almost 5 square kilometres of land was made to Thomas Sylvester who sold his farm in 1822 to James Chandler who named it Bexley after his birthplace in London. Today almost half the residents of this area are part of Australia's rich multicultural society.

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