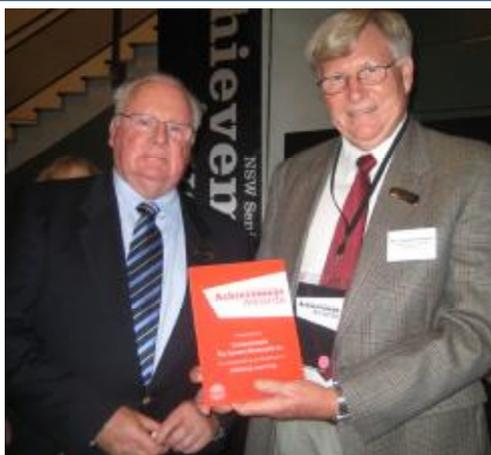


Congratulations to all those who won NSW Seniors Week Awards

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Bruce Deitz, Education Officer & Lyndsay Threadgate, President, accepted a Group Organisational Lifelong Learning Award on behalf of ComputerPals Newcastle Inc.

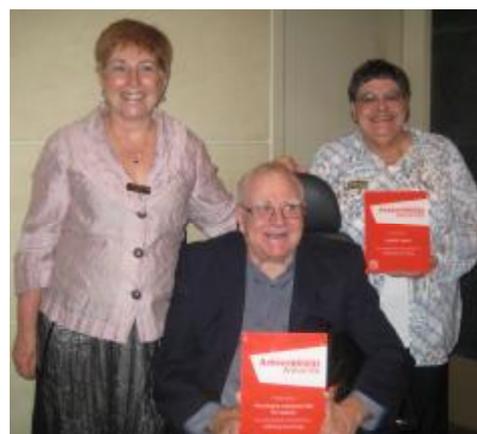
ASCCA Seniors Computer Clubs took out both the Group Awards in this category and two individual club members received personal Awards for their outstanding contributions to the education of seniors.

The Citation for ComputerPals Newcastle reads : *This is where seniors master technology. Volunteer seniors provide training for fellow seniors in computer skills and other related digital technology. Computer Pals has a number of interest groups including Digital Photography, Creative Writing and Genealogy. Over the past 11 years, more than 2,000 seniors have participated in Computer Pals' programs, with many advanced learners becoming tutors in order to pass on their knowledge to new members.*

On Sunday 18 March 2012 the **Annual Seniors Week Awards** were presented at a ceremony at the City Recital Hall in Sydney. This is the biggest seniors' event in the Southern Hemisphere and it celebrates the opening of NSW Seniors Week each year. A total of 59 Awards were presented, covering six categories.

In the category Lifelong Learning *"Awards seniors and seniors organisations who continue their pursuit for knowledge in senior years. Their secret to good living is continued learning and the pursuit of knowledge. This category is for senior academics, students, journalists and those involved in the development of educational programs and activities like recording local history."*

It is perhaps not too surprising that two of our enthusiastic



A Group Organisational Lifelong Learning Award for Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. was accepted by John Moxon, President and Margaret Tucker Moxon, Webmaster. Judith Joyce, Vice President, is also seen holding her Individual Lifelong Learning Award.



Noel Finch, founder of the Mature Aged Computer Club at the Hunter Region, Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre .

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

14 - 20 May 2012 - National Volunteer Week

 Tuesday 12 - Friday 15th June 2012 - National Cyber Security Awareness Week. The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy has just announced a change to the official dates.

1 August - 31 August 2012 - Seniors Month Northern Territory

18-26 August 2012 - Seniors Week Queensland

1 October—7 October 2012 - Seniors Week Tasmania

7 October - 14 October - Victorian Seniors Festival 30th Anniversary

11 November - 18 November 2012 - Seniors Week Western Australia

Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 November - 14th ASCCA Australian Computer Conference for Seniors at Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW.

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The Citation for Computer Pals for Seniors Parramatta Inc. states: *This organisation was established in 2007 and is run entirely by volunteers. Its courses reflect the interests of retirees ranging from computer classes for beginners, to shopping online, Skype and Facebook, digital photography, travel blogging and online genealogy. Computer Pals Parramatta has attracted more than 600 members and often provides training opportunities to other non-profit groups in the Parramatta area.*

Congratulations to all those volunteers involved in making these two clubs so successful.

Judith Joyce of Telopea, is the Vice President and volunteer Training Coordinator at Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors and she won

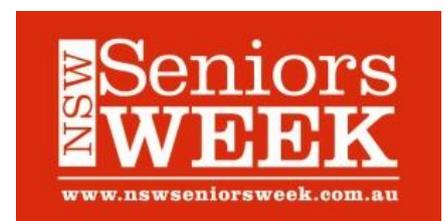
an individual Award in the Life Long Learning Category.

Judy's Citation tells us: *She teaches seniors a variety of skills from digital photography to Microsoft Word and Apple Mac for beginners. Judith is a member of the Dharug nation, is a Camellia and history enthusiast, as well as a prolific blogger and a prize-winning poet.*

Noel Finch of Anna Bay; *Is the founder of the Mature Aged Computer Club at the Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre. Over the past 11 years, he has helped many senior citizens to catch up with technology and find their way around computers. An active member of the community, Noel is also involved in the Port Stephens Friendship Group which helps isolated seniors,*

and the Walking for Pleasure Group.

Nan Bosler was excited to see some of our hard working people recognised for their dedication to Lifelong Learning at the Award Ceremony. The Minister for Ageing, Andrew Constance congratulated the award recipients and said; "These people display a wide variety of skills, energy and enthusiasm and truly *Live Life* which is the theme of Seniors Week." Mr Constance also said; "They unselfishly give their time to help and improve the lives of others in their communities."



Inquiry into Cybersafety for Senior Australians

In Sydney on 23 March 2011, the Federal Parliament's Joint Cyber-Safety Committee held a public hearing for its inquiry into cybersafety for senior Australians. The hearing took place during NSW Seniors Week and the Committee's focus was

online equity and access for all older Australians. Mrs Nan Bosler, the President of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, made a submission to the enquiry and spoke about the challenges and opportunities for seniors as

Australia takes its place in the international digital economy. See the hearing transcript, and other information about the inquiry, on the Committee's inquiry link: www.apf.gov.au/cybersafety-seniors. Select Submissions

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The **ASCCA Library in the Sky Seniors Week Expo** held on Wednesday 21st March was a great success. There was a mixture of good speakers, information stands and people being helped to explore various social networking platforms. Our speakers **Kerry Westcott** and **Sophie Wright** from Cybersafety Programs Section of DBCDE gave good advice and the department's Cyber Safety information stand always seemed to have people milling around, eager for more – as did the Carers NSW stand.

Matt Chapman from Microsoft found it almost impossible to “escape” the building after inspiring such interest in his topic of photographic enhancement and management. **Kumar Pereira** was welcomed as one of the 2012 Seniors Week Ambassadors and told us some of his fascinating history and talked of the way he uses social networking to keep in close contact with other Master Chef competitors with whom he formed close friendships. We were able to relate well to **Don Reid**, the author of 'Codgers' and 'Biddies' and appreciated his entertaining talk during which he even burst into song.

Our 70 visitors had the opportunity to ask questions and have some hands on time under the guidance of our generous ASCCA staff and volunteers. Mark Young demonstrated Facebook and answered many questions concerning security. He showed how to go into the security setting to enhance individual security for those who already had a Facebook account and showed

other visitors how to create a new account.

The YouTube station using both an iPad and Computer was very popular with people captivated by the wide range of videos that are posted. Great fun was had from watching “funny cats” to “how to make muffins” and music videos from old films like South Pacific. YouTube was a real surprise for some people and some did not previously know the difference between YouTube and Google. Diane Brentnall, Teresa Wilson, Mark Young and Dorothy Soper ensured all round, those who attended the expo had a great time. The information stands with the computers and iPads were excellent - a great success. Lots of interest and lots of questions and many enquiries about the location of the nearest ASCCA Club from people keen to follow up on what they saw and experienced.

On Thursday and Friday, ASCCA offered special free **Seniors Week Taster Sessions** in ASCCA's Training Room and these were also very well received. In particular eBay proved to be very popular with twelve people all on computers doing some window shopping in eBay. Those interested in Facebook left the session well pleased, with handouts to follow through at home. The Beginners and Internet Sessions were also very popular.

Special thanks to all the volunteers including those who gave their time and expertise in helping the Taster participants. It was a frenetic but fun three days!

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The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website: - 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 or email 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 Warrigal Care Computer Group Albion Park Rail



Two members of the Warrigal Care Computer Group which was formed in 1999 attended the 2011 ASCCA Conference in Sydney and shared some of the enthusiasm with their club members. Since then this small but eager group has become the newest member of the ASCCA Family. Like all our clubs, they aim to teach their members fun ways to embrace computer technology and foster the utilisation of computer skills for the benefit of their daily lives.

The Warrigal Care Albion Park Rail Independent Living village is located in a beautiful area only about one and a half hours from Sydney via the Grand Pacific Drive, which follows the spectacular coastline from the Royal National Park to Wollongong. The journey takes you across the amazing Seacliff Bridge, through coastal rainforests and quaint seaside villages parallel to the Tasman Sea and the coal rich Illawarra Escarpment.

For the Warrigal Care residents this must be like a constant and exciting holiday with Shellharbour, Kiama, the bustling city of Wollongong, the Southern Highlands and even Canberra easily accessible. There are convenient village shops and the Illawarra's largest shopping centre is only five kilometres away. There is public transport and also local clubs and restaurants and unlimited tourist attractions and views to enjoy.



With their own computer group and the whole of life care founded over 40 years ago by Warrigal Care and now comprising seven aged care homes, seven independent living villages, two day respite centres and three community aged care services - life must be very pleasant indeed.

Why don't you write a short story about your own computer club and tell us about the location and the lifestyle that makes you happy to be a retired senior who has embraced the sometimes scary world of Information Technology?