

## **Congratulation to ASCCA President Nan Bosler - A Finalist In 2012 Human Rights Community Individual Award**

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Nan Bosler OAM & Hon. Susan Ryan AO

An Award Ceremony to announce the winners and present the 2012 **Human Rights Awards** was held at the Sydney Hilton Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, with TV and radio comedian, Craig Reucassel the Master of Ceremonies. Jurist, author and renowned public speaker, the Hon. James Spigelman AC QC, who was the Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor of NSW from 1998 to 2011 and is currently the Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, presented the 25<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Day Oration. To read the full transcript of this much commented upon speech go to: [http://humanrights.gov.au/about/media/news/2012/132\\_12.html](http://humanrights.gov.au/about/media/news/2012/132_12.html)

Congratulation to ASCCA's hard working President Nan Bosler for her selection as one of four finalists for the 2012 Human Rights Community Individual Award – Tony Fitzgerald Memorial Award (sponsored by iHR Australia). This is one of 10 awards and is presented to "An individual with a proven track record in promoting and advancing human rights in the Australian community on a not-for-profit basis." We are very proud that Nan's commitment to ASCCA has been recognised in this way.

Nan's citation on the Human Rights Commission Website reads:

"After a life in community-related work, Nan Bosler created the national Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA). Predominantly run by volunteers, ASSCA is devoted to ensuring seniors (including people who are geographically or socially isolated or who live with disability) receive the quality of life benefits of computers, technology and the internet. Nationally and internationally recognized as an expert, Nan has – with ASSCA - developed manuals and programs, conducted research, made representation at enquiries, and consulted about approaches to supporting the well-being and socio-economic integration of increasing numbers of senior citizens".

To see the winners of each of the 10 categories and links to the full

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### **NOTICE TO ALL ASCCA MEMBERS**

Remember this is  
**YOUR NEWSLETTER.**

Sometimes readers  
ask why there are  
not more stories  
from clubs outside  
Sydney and NSW.

It is our aim to make  
every issue a truly  
national newsletter;  
however, we do need  
**YOUR HELP.**

Please forward  
contributions by  
email to the editor.  
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## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

17 – 24 March, 2013 - NSW Seniors Week - Watch this space for special events being planned by ASCCA to help inspire seniors to learn about and enjoy Information Technology.

13 - 19 May, 2013 - National Volunteer Week

15 June, 2013 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

17 - 23 June, 2013 - National Consumer Fraud Week "Outsmart the Scammers!"

17 - 25 August, 2013 - Queensland Seniors Week

6 - 13 October, 2013 - Victorian Seniors Festival

14 - 20 October, 2013 - Carers Week

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

November, 2013 - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors in Sydney

## Computer Pals for Seniors Holroyd member awarded OAM



Wanda Day OAM

**Congratulations to Wanda Day**, who was one of those special Australians to be recognised for her service and leadership in the community, on Australia Day 2013. Wanda was awarded the medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in acknowledgement of her great personal achievements which have encompassed a wide range of community interests.

**Wanda Day OAM** was a trailblazer as a female delegate in the then male-dominated union movement in the 1970s. She achieved significant reforms for her members and later served on the NSW Industrial Commission.

For 10 years Wanda faithfully served the Parramatta Eisteddfod Society and was a founding member of Computer Pals For Seniors Holroyd. Wanda was awarded her Medal for service to the trade union movement, and to the community.

We are all very pleased about the recognition Wanda has received.



Our photo was taken in January 2007 when Holroyd Computer Club Members, ASCCA and

members from several other local clubs attended a Public Meeting in Parramatta, which resulted in the formation of Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors.

The Holroyd Club, which began in June 1999, was one of many other ASCCA Computer Clubs for Seniors that have started in this way. After a similarly sponsored meeting was held in May 1999 in the Wentworthville Community Centre to gauge interest in the formation of a computer club for seniors in the Wentworthville area there was no holding Holroyd's enthusiastic founding group back.

**ASCCA can provide help to any group throughout Australia that is interested in starting up their own computer club for seniors or for people with a disability. This could be in their own local community, a residential care centre, or as part of another organisation.**

**Contact ASCCA if you or anyone you know of is interested. We will be able to provide a wealth of useful material and contacts to get things going. See back page.**

## ACE joint winner of 2012 "Excellence in Improving Social Participation Award"



Sarah Magoffin presenting her talk at the last ASCCA Conference in Sydney in November 2012.

Those who attended the 14<sup>th</sup> ASCCA Conference in Sydney in November, had the opportunity to hear Sarah Magoffin from the **Australian Communication Exchange (ACE)** make a presentation about their range of useful products for people who are hard of hearing. ACE also had an information stand at the conference.

ASCCA offers congratulations to ACE, who, on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012, was announced joint winner of the **Excellence in Improving Social Participation Award at the National Disability Awards** in Canberra.

Congratulations also to the other joint winners, **The Captioning Studio** and to all the nominees and winners at the 2012 National Disability Awards. All these people work hard to improve life for people who face challenges through disability.

At the Awards, ACE was recognised for its dedication in creating museum and art gallery access options for deaf and hearing impaired Australians; thus improving the social participation of people with a disability, including access to arts and cultural activities.

OpenMi Tours (previously known as Smart Auslan) is a smartphone app designed for museums, art galleries and trails. It offers an accessible and affordable visitor experience and is available on iPhone and Android. Visitors are able to select their communication preference - audio, audio and captions, or Auslan and captions. Since its launch in May 2011, the technology has been made available in eight Australian cultural institutions.

For more information you may visit:

[www.openmi.com.au/tours](http://www.openmi.com.au/tours)

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lists of finalists, go to: <http://humanrights.gov.au/hrawards/winners2012.html>

It is probably true to say that most of us who volunteer as tutors and organisers in Computer Clubs for Seniors had not really thought of ourselves as human rights advocates. We just enjoy helping our peers to improve their quality of life by encouraging them to keep abreast of computer technology.

Those who heard the presentation by our Age Discrimination Commissioner, the Hon. Susan Ryan, at the ASCCA 14<sup>th</sup> Australian Computer Conference for Seniors on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012, may have given more thought to this aspect of the work we do as they listened. You can access the full presentation on the ASCCA website, [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au) but this quote sums up Susan's support of what we are doing.

*As Age Discrimination Commissioner I am all too aware that the basic human right of access to information is not fully available to those who do not access the Internet.*

*Increasingly this lack of access represents a big gap in the living standards of older people in*

*Australia, and there are many who suffer this disadvantage.*

*I'd like to thank Nan Bosler for inviting me to the Australian Computer Conference for Seniors and I commend her for developing such a thriving and well informed community of computer clubs. The clubs have already been enormously successful in bringing many thousands of older people online, with all the benefits that come with access.*

*I know you are planning to grow further in Australia, and no doubt in this connected age, your work can provide an inspirational model for the rest of the world.*

*... Our shared aim is to do more so that older people, who missed out on the digital revolution, can move on to access their rights in the global internet world, and thus advance all of their human rights. Your conference will be another step forward to achieving this for all Australians.*

**Yes - Age Discrimination is a significant issue, not to be forgotten when considering the importance of basic human rights.**

**Congratulations to Nan and to all at ASCCA**

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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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## Life Membership for Two Dedicated Moocooboola Members

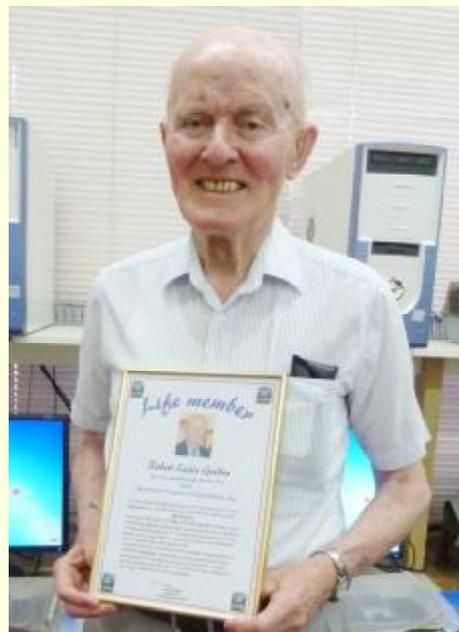


**Life Member - Gregory Gorman**

At a meeting of the Moocooboola Computer Club for Seniors at Hunters Hill on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, Life Membership was awarded to Greg Gorman and Rob Gordon, in recognition of their dedicated service as Committee members and Trainers. Although both of them stood down from the Committee this year they will continue to contribute as trainers.

Greg joined Moocooboola on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1997 and in 1998 he became a Trainer. On 5<sup>th</sup> October 1999, he was appointed to the position of Treasurer and has given 13 years of exemplary service.

Greg was very involved in the preparation of the Moocooboola Constitution and has continued to guide the Club in interpretation of



**Life Member - Robert Gordon**

legal matters. During the last year he has acted as Catering Officer.

Rob joined Moocooboola on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1997 and became a Trainer and a Committee member during 1998, Vice President in 2000, was elected President 16<sup>th</sup> October 2001 and served in that position until 2009 - a period of 8 years. He retained a Committee position until August 2012.

During his term as President Rob was involved in replacement of Computer equipment, maintenance of equipment records and introduced the P C Simplicity series of instruction manuals which continue to be the basis for tuition of Club members in the range of Microsoft Office programs.

**Congratulations to Greg and Rob!**