

An Exciting opportunity provided by Google for ASCCA

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It's Time ...
To take and
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your Poems and
Stories for the
**2014 ASCCA
Competitions**
Entries Close ...
**4.00 pm 1st
September**



During June ASCCA was offered another exciting Workshop Session run by Google at their offices in Pyrmont Bay. Shane Treeves contacted Mark Young and we were able to make places available to trainers from several ASCCA clubs and also some of our ASCCA Staff and volunteers.

In total 22 people were able to attend what was a fascinating "hands on" session with each attendee having their own personal Google helper to guide them through the program and answer any specific questions about Google and Google products.

As a result of this Google Workshop the ASCCA Training Centre is able to offer a new

two hour course, "**Google Latest Tips & Tricks**" based on the Google material generously shared with us. This is planned so our trainers can offer some new ideas to be passed on through the ASCCA Network of seniors helping seniors through their own generous volunteer tutors.

The course is to be held on **Wednesday 20th August** from 10-12 and will focus on the latest Google Search and Google Now features, tips and tricks for mobile phones, setting up and working on collaborative documents and more ... You will need to have a Gmail or Google log in account for hands on activities. Ring ASCCA to book a place soon.

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

16 - 24 August, 2014 - Queensland Seniors Week - More information will be available soon on, <http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/seniors/seniors-week>

1 September, 2014 - 4.00 pm Closing Date for all 2014 ASCCA Competition Entries

October, 2014 - Victorian Seniors Festival - **5-12 October** there will be core program of events

12 - 18 October, 2014 - Carers Week

9 - 16 November, 2014 - Western Australia Seniors Week Festival

Nominations for the **WA Seniors Awards 2014** open on Thursday 10 July 2014.

<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/communities-in-focus/seniors/Seniors-Week-2014>

Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 November, 2014 - 16th Annual ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors in Sydney to be held at Rydges Hotel, World Square, Sydney.

Wednesday 19 November 3.30 pm - Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association Annual General Meeting will be held at the conclusion of Day 1 of the ASCCA Conference at Rydges.

ASCCA Stay Smart Online Forum in Sydney on Tuesday 10th June



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Our very enjoyable **ASCCA Stay Smart Online Forum** certainly covered many aspects of the issues we all face regarding our concerns about online security.

We were fortunate to have all specialist speakers, who were committed to adding to our confidence by giving us the important facts we all need, without clouding the picture through unnecessary "terror" stories. Their skill came in giving us helpful tips and hints, while explaining why and how, sometimes even very careful people are deceived.

It was very reassuring to learn that dedicated and approachable experts like our animated young speaker

from the Australian Federal Police are working carefully with children and young people to protect their online safety and future reputation.

The onscreen presentation prepared by Cora and David Num was a timely reminder to be vigilant about safety while enjoying the absorbing pastime of Genealogy.

Thank you to all our speakers for the gift of their time and knowledge sharing to help our ASCCA members feel confident and secure online. A lovely lunch, which included some hot and tasty foods, was the reward our Stay Safe Online Forum Guests and visitors received for going out on a very cold Sydney morning.



Hall & Prior Sirius Cove connect residents to the world!

Each Friday, a wonderful "family reunion" between Mr. Joseph Gollan, a resident of the Hall & Prior Sirius Cove, Mosman Residential Health Care Home - and his daughter Lea in Israel, takes place. Since its installation in 2013, Denise Beverley-Smith, the home's Lifestyle Officer and Jess Orié from Administration, have been making excellent use of the Federal Government sponsored Broadband for Seniors Internet Kiosk to set up a Skype call between the geographically separated father and daughter.

While Lea knows that her father is well cared for in the high-level care home where just 55 residents enjoy a homely and comfortable lifestyle in one of Sydney's leafy Lower North Shore suburbs; there is nothing more reassuring than seeing him for herself. Her father is a frail and quiet man, who needs rest and clinical care, which he has enjoyed at the Hall & Prior Sirius Cove home since 2012.

The staff help with the session by ensuring all the technology is ready and working, as well as talking with Lea about her father's health, welfare and lifestyle. They are able to tell her of upcoming calendar events at the home so she can remain involved in his daily routines and have peace of mind about him from across the world, between these precious family "visits".

Mr Gollan's conversations with his daughter usually last about 10 minutes and are a mixture of English and Hebrew, which is his native tongue. After the excitement and joy of the Skype session, Mr. Gollan always tells the staff that this is the 'highlight of his week!' He is usually tired by the end of the call and has a rest - and the staff all go on with their work feeling elevated and inspired after witnessing this little "weekly miracle" of seeing their gentle patient's face light up with joy when he sees his daughter's face and hears her voice.

Thanks to Jacki Downs from Hall & Prior, for sharing this uplifting story with our ASCCA Members.

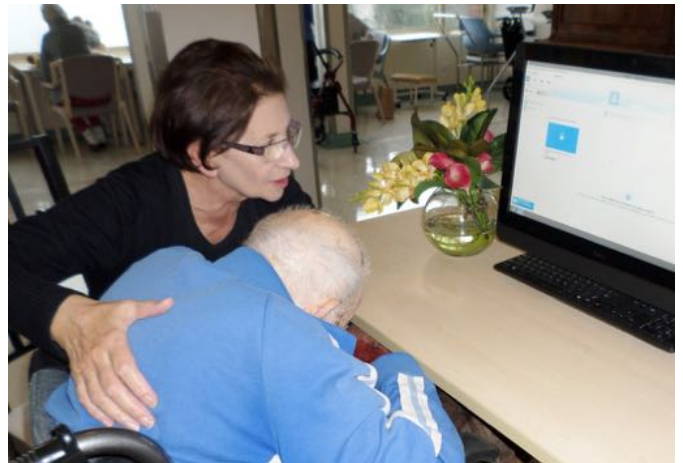


Photo: Mr. Joseph Gollan is being assisted by the Lifestyle Officer, Denise Beverley-Smith, at the Broadband for Seniors Internet Kiosk.

Sadly, we have heard from Jacki Downes at Hall & Prior that Joseph Gollan died very shortly after his inspiring story was sent to us at ASCCA; but she asked that we still print it in the Newsletter as a tribute to his courage in overcoming the challenges of distance and fragile health, by learning how to use the computer in the Broadband Kiosk. Jacki wrote; "I do hope you can still run the story as I feel this is still a beautiful truth that technology allowed Mr Gollan's family to feel close to him before his passing." Fortunately his daughter Lea was able to return to Australia in time to attend her father's funeral and she expressed her gratitude for the way she and her father had been able to stay connected through those weekly Skype sessions.

Other residents have also benefited through the kiosk, the most memorable, being a sufferer of Parkinson's Disease who was set up on Facebook. He really enjoyed being able to keep up with and stay connected with all the activities of his family and would spend many hours at the computer. All the staff at the home just love to see the sheer joy that comes to their residents when they can "visit" with their loved ones via the computer.

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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 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 on the website.

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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.

Congratulations to Lynton Bradford OAM

Lynton Bradford from the ARV Residents' Computer Club, Anglican Retirement Villages, Sydney and the Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. Club was awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division in the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours in June.

The Citation for Lynton's Award says; "*For service to the community of Castle Hill*" and lists some of Lynton's many achievements:

President, ARV Residents' Computer Club, Anglican Retirement Villages (ARV) Sydney, since 2007; Member, since 2006.

Editorial Writer, monthly Club newsletter, ongoing.

Coordinator (with ARV Management), installation of internet kiosks at ARV locations.

Introduced battery and computer equipment recycling schemes for ARV.

Volunteer Bus Driver, since 2005.

President, Computer Pals for Seniors Club, Epping, 2004-2006;

Vice-President, for 2 years;

Committee Member, for 12 years; Computer Skills Tutor, ongoing; Equipment Officer, for many years.

Presenter, Computer Conferences for Seniors, Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, on several occasions.

Vice-President/Acting President, Epping Creative Centre (Hornsby Council), for 5-6 years.

Life Member, Hartley TS16 Association of Australia; President, for 5 years.

With Lynton's long standing contributions to Computer Pals for Seniors at Epping for over 14 years; his work for residents of several other Anglican Retirement Villages scattered around Sydney and the presentations and generous encouragement given to a number of other ASCCA Computer Clubs, all added to his "Services the Community at Castle Hill", it is clear Lynton's volunteering services have been much more broadly spread.

Those of us who have benefited from Lynton's volunteering, know that he is a most encouraging, warm and generous person. Many of us are proud to have worked with him and his wife Gwen who is also a willing volunteer at both Computer Clubs.



From everyone at ASCCA - Congratulations on your well deserved award Lynton. You have been a generous mentor and constant support for many of our ASCCA Members.