16th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors

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Coming Soon!

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FORGET!

Planning for the 16th ASCCA Conference is coming together in the most exciting way - to offer a variety of excellent speakers with the latest news on topics of great interest. There will be some of your favourites from previous events as well as some brand new experts to educate and enthuse us over two full days; **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November**.

We can confirm the attendance of the **Hon. John AJAKA**, Member of the NSW Legislative Council, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for the Illawarra and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council. The Minister has acknowledged the important work of our ASCCA Clubs in the community and has generally shown a grass roots interest in the people represented in his portfolios. While presenting a cheque for $50,000 to ASCCA last month at the Manly Computer Club in Sydney, Mr. Ajaka said; "*The NSW Government recognises the difference these*

courses can make in the lives of many senior citizens and is proud to support ASCCA's initiative."

The establishment of the Australian War Memorial's *Anzac Connections Project* is a very important way for Australia to mark the 2015 centenary of the landing on Gallipoli. http://www.awm.gov.au/1914-1918/anzac-connections/ How fortunate we are to have **Robyn van Dyk**, the Head of the Research Centre at the Australian War Memorial to share the details of this major digitisation, data and web development project with our conference attendees. Robyn has been involved in a number of important Memorial projects, including Anzac Voices; and in October 2012, she travelled to Afghanistan as the Memorial's Official Curator, and spent several weeks observing conditions and collecting records and objects for the National Collection.

This year we are thrilled to have **Peter Shann Ford**, who is the NSW Senior

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October, 2014 - Victorian Seniors Festival - **5-12 October** there will be a core program of events
http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/Home/Festival-and-Awards/Your-events/Victorian-Seniors-Festival

12 - 18 October, 2014 - Carers Week

9 - 16 November, 2014 - Western Australia Seniors Week Festival
Nominations for the WA Seniors Awards closing date, Friday 29 August, 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. It is time to think about making your booking to attend the Conference and book your accommodation in Sydney if you are travelling from out of town or interstate. Check the ASCCA Website for news and updates.

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.

"Help spread the true Power of Oldness"

"Oldness is everywhere — if you are lucky it can happen to you!"

The Hon Susan Ryan AO, Age Discrimination Commissioner and Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner and Senator Eric Abetz, the Minister for Employment jointly launched a new campaign at the Human Rights Commission on Monday 18th August. **The Power of Oldness** campaign celebrates older Australians and is a call to action to the community to address the problems of age discrimination.

A new video is part of the campaign and is particularly aimed at young people and employers. In highlighting in a light hearted way, the value of older workers; the video exposes the stark difference between the skills and strengths mature workers offer employers and organisations, in comparison with the discrimination they face when trying to gain or maintain jobs.

Senator Abetz describes the video as; *"An active, pacey and poignant presentation, which juxtaposes reality and perceptions about the value of older workers, to people of all ages throughout Australia."*

Commissioner Ryan described "Oldness" as; *"A potential treasure trove for the whole community and for the economy",* but warns that we need to make some big changes in community attitudes and business strategies very quickly, in order to liberate this inherent value. *"The Power of Oldness campaign will, we hope, prod everyone to recognise and act to stop age discrimination."*
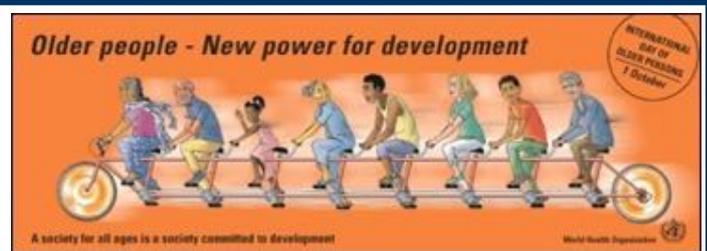
Even those of us who no longer want to work can help Commissioner Ryan in her work to; *"Shine a light on damaging and unrealistic stereotypes of old people."* After all many of us now have children who are "old" and still needing and wanting to work!

1st October 2014:
International Day of Older Persons
Older people – a new power for development
Why a "new power"? The World Health Organisation says: **"A Society for all ages is a Society committed to development"**

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Australian of the Year for 2014 as one of our speakers. Peter is the founder of Control Bionics Holdings Pty. Ltd.; a company that is involved in developing technology that is changing the way humans use computers and advanced technology. His topic, *Bionic Programming for Age-Related Wear and Tear* will be of great interest to all of us at the Conference.

Peter, began coding rehabilitation computer programs as a founding Programmer-Analyst with the US Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Research and Development Laboratory in Atlanta, USA in 1982 and has a wealth of knowledge about the development of assistive technologies. What a great opportunity to hear such an inspiring senior Australian!

Stefan Avgoustakis works as a Security Architect at Cisco Systems in their Sydney Office. His responsibilities are centred around understanding the technical requirements of clients in order to provide the best security environment possible. His talk will be called, *Securing the Internet of Things (IoT)*. By 2020, more than 50 billion things will connect to the Internet—seven times our human population. Some examples are wearable health and performance monitors, connected vehicles, smart grids, smart TVs, smart fridges and connected manufacturing, like 3D Printing. A definition of this Internet of Things (IoT) is hard to pin down, *(see below)* but it is certainly obvious it will revolutionize the way we work, live, play, and learn.

It is such a privilege for ASCCA to be able to secure so many talented people to donate their time to explain new IT concepts and keep us up to the minute about the reshaping of the world so we will not be left behind.

Please don't miss the opportunity to attend the 2014 ASCCA Conference. Make your plans early and keep up with the latest news on speakers through the ASCCA Website and through our October and November Newsletters.

IoT – About the Internet of Things

These days in the world of IT it is almost impossible to keep up with the plethora of acronyms or to discover what concept or technology these suddenly popular terms describe. In searching for a layman's guide to the meaning of IoT (the Internet of Things) it is interesting to read a white paper, **"The Internet of Things - How the Next Evolution of the Internet Is Changing Everything"** authored in 2011 by Dave Evans from Cisco.

The paper quotes the Cisco Internet Business Group (IBSG) as stating; "IoT is simply the point in time when more 'things or objects' were connected to the internet than the number of people on the planet."

"Cisco IBSG estimates IoT was 'born' sometime between 2008 and 2009. Cisco IBSG predicts there will be 25 billion devices connected to the Internet by 2015 and 50 billion by 2020." There are around 7.3 billion people in the world today.

The white paper asks us to; "Consider that IoT represents the next evolution of the Internet, taking a huge leap in its ability to gather, analyse, and distribute data that we can turn into information, knowledge and ultimately, wisdom. In this context, IoT becomes immensely important." *Read more.* http://www.cisco.com/web/about/ac79/docs/innov/IoT_IBSG_0411FINAL.pdf

Additionally; "The Internet Of Things is a world where physical objects are seamlessly integrated into the information network in real time through device to device and device to cloud intelligent data sharing."

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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 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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Welcome to the Windsor Senior Computer Hub

ASCCA is pleased to welcome the **Senior Computer Hub Broadband Kiosk** at the **Windsor Community Precinct, Riverside, Tasmania**, to the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association. West Tamar Council community development officer Ixa de Haan said that the area has a positive ageing strategy in place and the hub is a part of this strategy. Ms. De Haan said; *"Research has found the thing older people want most out of technology is connecting with family members over Facebook, Skype and emails."* Some specially trained year nine students from Launceston Christian School are helping other volunteers to teach at the kiosk which is part of the Government's Broadband for Seniors initiative.

Riverside is near Launceston in the beautiful Tamar Valley and it is great place to live or to visit. The Colonial Settlements in the Valley date back over 200 years and there were Indigenous Communities living in the area long before colonial discovery. There are some beautiful National Trust Properties to visit and National Parks and gardens to explore. There are interesting museums - and for wine and food lovers there is a heritage wine trail to follow. It almost seems a shame to stay indoors with places like the Cataract Gorge Reserve to investigate.