

**Another Successful ASCCA Australian
Computer Conference for Seniors is Over!**



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Perhaps with the words of some of our ASCCA Members and some of our fantastic speakers; along with the collage on Page 3 - we can "save" many thousands of words and still tell the story of a fantastic two day gathering of like-minded people who were all determined to enjoy themselves and to learn as much as possible about the ever changing world in which we are all living.

"Congratulations to all on a great Conference." It worked like clockwork and if there was any fast paddling under the water we didn't notice! Everything went so well - the speakers were very interesting - and the food was great too!"

"Thanks for a great conference. Each year I wonder how you and your team are going to make the next conference better than the last. But you have done it again. Thank you again!"

"Well, it was a real pleasure to be invited and take part in the conference and I'm honoured to have been able to touch the audience's hearts, minds and imaginations with just some of the cool and exciting new things that are happening out there in the world of technology."

"Please accept our appreciation of the informative, interesting

and inspiring conference and the efficient way in which it was managed. We look forward to 2015."

"It was my pleasure to speak and I really enjoyed it so much. I was amazed by the positive energy being spread in the conference."

"I enjoyed it and you know, not once when I looked around did I see your audience staring down at their lap as if they were looking at their phone. They were engaged and polite, and I look forward to supporting your event again in the future. Thanks again for the invite (and the chocolates)!"

If you were unable to come to the conference, but would like to see some of the speakers' presentations; the ASCCA Annual Report which was presented at the AGM and the Photography and Creative Writing Competition award winning entries, Mark Young has been busy putting them up on our website. Of course those of you who were able to come will want to enjoy them all over again!

At ASCCA we look forward to continuing our work to help Seniors use and understand technology in 2015. See you all at the 17th Conference!

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS OF ASCCA

This Meeting was held at the conclusion of Day 1 of the 16th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors on Wednesday, 19th November at 3.30pm. The President, Nan Bosler and the Treasurer & Secretary, Jim Parker presented their Annual Reports to the Meeting. These Reports were accepted by the Meeting and the Board Members stood down for the reading of the Nominations for the new term. The Chair was taken by Alan Craymer, who announced that as there was only one Nominations for each Board Position, the nominees were duly elected. (See List below)

Our amazing President Nan returned to the Chair and after the Meeting concluded, the announcements of the Winners of our 2014 ASCCA Competitions were made by the Competition Coordinator, Joan Craymer. Thanks to all our Judges for their generosity in ploughing through so many entries and sharing their talents. Thanks to Geoff Beatty for travelling down from the Blue Mountains to personally make his presentations and also to Mike Murphy from WA for making an interesting video for us to show. We also heard a personal message from Newsletter and Website Judge Hank Jongen who has shown great interest in ASCCA for many years.

ASCCA BOARD ELECTED AT AGM

Held in Sydney on
19th November 2014

NAN BOSLER

President

JOAN CRAYMER

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Director

2014 ASCCA Club Newsletter & Club Website Competitions

NEWSLETTER - PRINT VERSION

First Place - "Open Windows @ Epping" - Editor, **Gwen Bradford** - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc.



Second Place - "Peel Senior Net" - Editor, **Joyce Thomson** - Peel SeniorNet Association Inc.

NEWSLETTER - ONLINE VERSION

First Place - "Ipswich Senionet" - Editor, **Barbara Bottenberg** - Senionet Association Inc.



Second Place - "Pals by the Lake" - Editor, **Corrie Dancaster** - Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches Inc.

CLUB WEBSITE

First Place - Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors Inc. - Webmaster, **Margaret Tucker Moxon**



Second Place - Senionet Association Inc. - Webmaster, **Ken Curwin**

Thank you to Hank Jongen and his team from Human Services for their excellent work in judging the 2014 ASCCA Club Newsletter and Website Competitions



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Thanks to our Sponsors whose generous support helped ASCCA to present a Conference of a very high standard at an affordable price for all Australian Seniors..



Thanks to our Speakers for their generous support of our Conference - we are thrilled to hear that they also really enjoyed their time with us.

Thanks to our President Nan Bosler OAM, the ASCCA Board and ASCCA's Staff who all contributed many volunteer hours. Thanks are extended to every Volunteer who generously gave their time to make the 2015 Conference so successful.



**16th Australian
Computer Conference for Seniors**

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Robyn van Dyke

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Stefan Auquoustalis

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Alex Zaharev-Reutt

Diane Brentnell

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Dr Margaret Richardson

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Dr Cullen Hayashida

Dr Jill Freyne

2014 ASCCA Digital Photography Results - Judge Geoff Beatty



Third Place - "*Stromboli is Waiting*"
Moses Levitt - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Swinging Low*" - Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

PEOPLE/ PORTRAIT

First Place - "*Growing Up*" - Lois Saleeba - AUSOM Incorporated - Vic.

Second Place - "*Smoking & Fishing*" - Harold Goyen - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Flower Child*" - Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated

Highly Commended - "*Men's Business*" - Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

LANDSCAPE / SEASCAPE

First Place - "*Living in Harmony*" - Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated

Second Place - "*Walkway to the Lake*" - Monika Gabriel - Carrington Computer Club for Seniors, NSW

Third Place - "*Green Vista*" - Barbara Kun - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Torres del Paine, Patagonia*" - Coryn O'Nians Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Be Still*" - Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURAL/MANMADE

First Place - "*Forest of Piles Princess Bridge*" - Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated Vic

Second Place - "*Terraces*" - Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Taal Monument - 57 Metres High*" - Neil Schlosz Hurstville Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Pedestrian Bridge before the Storm*" - Lois Saleeba - AUSOM Incorporated Vic.

ANIMALS

First Place - "*Eastern Spinebill*" - Allan Masters - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*Hide & Seek*" - Marilyn Richardson - Hurstville Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

CHAMPION CLUB 2014

AUSOM Incorporated - First Place
Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. - Second Place
Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. - Third Place

GRAND CHAMPION PHOTOGRAPHER 2014

Sue Block - First Place - AUSOM
Patricia Beal - Second Place - Epping
Ray Chatterton - Third Place - AUSOM

PHOTO JOURNALISM

First Place - "*Uncontrollable*" Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic.

Second Place - "*Dragonboat Power*" Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Hanging in the Balance*" - Barry Keen - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Monumental Mason*" - Ngaire Denne - AUSOM Incorporated Vic.

PHOTO TRAVEL

First Place - "*Explore the Unknown*" Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated Vic

Second Place - "*Lunchtime in Kruger National Park*" - Neil Schlosz Hurstville Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Third Place - *"Togetherness"* - Coryn O'Nians - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"Eyes like Saucers - Exotic Bengal Owl"* - Neil Schlosz - Hurstville Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

CREATIVE/EXTREME

First Place - *"Reflection Pond - Melbourne University"* - Chris McQuillen - AUSOM Incorporated Vic

Second Place - *"Colour Wheel"* - Carolyn Keane - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Third Place - *"Unbottled Daemons"* - Harold Goyen - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Thanks again Geoff for your generosity in giving us the gift of your time and expertise to judge our Photography Competitions.

2014 ASCCA Creative Writing Results - Judge Mike Murphy



Carmel Smith won the Grand Champion Writer Award for 2014 and her Newcastle Club won the 2014 Grand Champion Club Award.

Carmel with Dr. Cullen Hayashida, who made the presentations.

Third Place - *"No Escape"* - Carmel Smith - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

STORY - HE WHO LAUGHS LAST

First Place - *"Moron and Oxymorons"* - Chris McQuillen - AUSOM Incorporated Vic.

Second Place - *"Henry the Perfect"* - Margaret Standaloft - Computer Pals for Seniors Kensington NSW

Third Place - *"Bennie"* - Barbara Bartlett - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"My Friend Clyde"* - Malcolm Barnett - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"Globalisation and Consequences"* - Sheila Gibson - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Story - Make Mine a ...

First Place & Best Story in Competition - *"Make Mine a Strawberry"* - Carmel Smith - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Second Place - *"Yorkshire Gold"* - Chris McQuillen - AUSOM Incorporated Vic.

Third Place - *"Make Mine a Cheese Sandwich"* - Fred Schinkel - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

POETRY - LANDSCAPE

First Place - *"Traffic Planning"* - Peter Mackinlay - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic.

POETRY - SEASCAPE

First Place & Best Poem in Competition - *"Dune Love"* - Grant Nichol - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. NSW

Second Place - *"Sonnet on a Seascape"* - Fred Schinkel - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Third Place - *"At Home"* - Barbara Bartlett - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

POETRY - NO ESCAPE

First Place - *"The Effing Modern Bloke"* - Peter Mackinlay - AUSOM Incorporated Vic.

Second Place - *"The Lotus Pool"* - Grant Nichol - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"Planet Earth"* - Connie Vallis - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"The Travel Writer"* - Deirdre Mason - Mangrove Mountain Computer Club NSW

STORY - ONE MONDAY MORNING

First Place - *"One Monday Morning"* - Carmel Smith - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Second Place - *"Black Monday"* - Margaret Standaloft - Computer Pals for Seniors Kensington NSW

Third Place - *"Imagine"* - Barbara Bartlett - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"The Game of Life"* - Connie Vallis - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"A Quiet Unassuming Man"* - Dave Wardell - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - *"La La Land"* - Deirdre Mason - Mangrove Mountain Computer Club NSW

Highly Commended - *"Breasting the Bar"* - Connie Vallis - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. NSW

SPECIAL CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

Individual Grand Champion Writer - **Carmel Smith** from Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Grand Champion Writing Club First Place - **Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc.**

Second Place - **AUSOM Incorporated**

Third Place - **Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc.**

Thank you Mike for being our expert volunteer Judge again in 2014. All our entrants really appreciate the extra time you gave to provide valuable feedback on their work.



Left: Photography Judge Geoff Beatty presenting the Champion Photography Club Award to Ngaire Denne & Peter Mackinlay from AUSOM Incorporated.

Right: Epping Club Photographers, Moses Levitt, Coryn O'Nians & Patricia Beal were pleased to accept the Second Place Club Award from Geoff.



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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 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 - \$160 Incl. GST
Over 100 members - \$275 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

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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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Contributions are welcome.

Remember this is **YOUR**

NEWSLETTER. Please

take special note clubs

outside Sydney and NSW.

Please forward



On Friday 19th December 2014, at close of business, the ASCCA Office will be unattended until Monday 5th January 2015. We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas Season and a Very Happy Year in 2015.

Shop Safely Online at Christmas for a Happy New Year!!



Always update your security software; use a really strong password; make purchases from secure websites on a secure private network and check there are no automatically ticked boxes that offer to store your credit card number. Also as you would if shopping in a bricks and mortar store - always choose a company with a good name and reliable return policy.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!