

## Celebrate the Anzac Centenary by exploring the AWM

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Private Cecil Murphy



GALLIPOLI, 1915. A BEACH SCENE AT ANZAC COVE, SHOWING SOLDIERS BATHING, RELAXING ON THE FORESHORE. (COLLECTION A.D. HOOD, DONOR J. BORSTEL)

**Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made.**

Charles Bean, 1948.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/>

*"The Memorial's purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war. Its mission is to assist Australians to remember, interpret and understand the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact on Australian society."*

There are many people who suggest that we should not be embarking on a four year commemoration of a terrible war—perhaps these are people who do not have any interest in history or the lessons it can teach us about our country, our ancestors and ourselves.

The Australian War Memorial Website tells us: *"What Australians endured on Gallipoli and the Western Front, in the mud of Flanders and the deserts of Sinai-Palestine, was almost beyond description. It can never be fully comprehended by those who did not fight in these campaigns or witness them at first hand ... Their experience of war emerges compellingly from the pages of their letters and diaries."*

It is impossible to imagine the thoughts of the mother who read this letter from her son.

Turkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1915

My Dear Mum,

I am safe and sound so far. We are living in holes in the ground. We get plenty of food, but shrapnel is falling around us all day long so you can imagine we are on the alert always. There is a great scarcity of water in the trenches. We are allowed 1 pint a day + a quart of tea. The country where we are is very hilly, nothing but mountains and gullies. We go surf bathing nearly every day of course we are extra careful as the shrapnel at times is terrible. Please Mum if it is possible send 2 papers or something to read as things get very dismal at times nothing but the sounds of rifle fire and gunfire. We are well looked after considering the position we are in. So there is no need for complaining just yet. As I don't think there is any more news to tell you at present, so I'll conclude with the very best love and wishes and hope you are alright again and don't worry about anything. I Remain, Your Ever loving Son, Cecil.

The last entry in Cecil's Diary is particularly prophetic: "Took up position on the right overlooking Valley of Despair".

Poor Cecil died only about two weeks before the withdrawal from Gallipoli which famously took place over three nights between the 18-20 December 1915 without a single loss of life.

**If we consider the relevance of history is obsolete—it is surely at our peril.**

## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

**14 - 22 March 2015** - NSW Seniors Week will have the theme "Be Inspired"

**17 & 18 March 2015** - An Expo will be held alongside the NSW Premier's Gala Concerts, opening 90 minutes before each concert. Check times on page 3.

**ASCCA will welcome visitors at a stand** within the "Tech Savvy Hub" at the Expo.

<http://www.nswseniorsweek.com.au/events/expo>

**20 March, 2015** - On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> ASCCA is planning a free forum, "Meet Your Ancestors" - see details on page 3 or at <http://www.ascca.org.au/>

**31 March & 1 April 2015** - you will be able to visit the Seniors Hub at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, where ASCCA will once again be represented

**3 - 8 May 2015** - Privacy Awareness Week, NSW

**11 - 17 May, 2015** - National Volunteer Week - The theme this year is "Give Happy, Live Happy"

<http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/>

**17 May, 2015** - United Nations World Telecommunications and Information Society Day. 2015, marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union <http://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/Pages/default.aspx>

**17 & 18 November, 2015** - The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors will take place at the Rydges World Square Hotel, Sydney - with the ASCCA AGM to take place at 3.30 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November at the conclusion of the first day of the Conference

**PUT THE DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE INTO YOUR DIARY AND PLAN TO COME AND ENJOY AN EXCITING TWO DAYS OF GREAT SPEAKERS - EXCELLENT VALUE**

## Telstra Tech Savvy Seniors Stage 2 Launch



This photo was taken on 5<sup>th</sup> February at the **Launch of Phase Two of the Telstra Connected Seniors Program** at Bankstown, NSW. **Telstra Consumer Group Managing Director Karsten Wildberger** was joined at the launch by **NSW Premier Mike Baird**, **NSW Minister for Ageing John Ajaka** and **Peter Blasina, the Gadget Guy** who have all been great supporters of ASCCA in our work to bring confidence and training to seniors in the use of technology to enrich their lives and help them stay connected.

Mr Ajaka announced the extension of the Tech Savvy Seniors program with Telstra and

the expansion to include training in seven different languages. This is an exciting development to ensure that nobody will miss out on the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence with computers, tablets, phones or any useful Information Technology.

Mr. Baird said; "Boosting the online skills of seniors delivers enormous health, social and community benefits."

**A number of people from ASCCA were present at the launch, with some club and kiosk trainers working with Peter Blasina to demonstrate the way these classes work.**

## Be Inspired - Meet your Ancestors Forum

**ASCCA** will provide Seniors with real inspiration on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** when we present our free **MEET YOUR ANCESTORS**



**INTERACTIVE FORUM.** You must Book a seat. We are very excited about the opportunity to share with you, many aspects of researching,

recording and displaying the story of your family. Previously unavailable or difficult to find information is now more readily available and we hope to show you how to make some exciting new "finds". As always, the basics like Birth, Death and Marriage Records and the Genealogy programs to record the information as it is gathered are important.

We can also help you bring these family members "to life" by researching the story of their houses, the places where they worked and the kind of daily life they led. We hope you will leave our Forum inspired to search National Archives, The Trove Newspaper Collections, Military Records and more ...

### BE INSPIRED ...

This is the theme for NSW Seniors Week in 2015 and ASCCA will be involved in providing inspirational opportunities for Seniors.

An **EXPO FOR SENIORS** will be held in the Qantas Credit Union Arena on Level 1. (You may remember it as the Sydney Entertainment Centre). **ASCCA** will welcome visitors at a stand within the **"TECH SAVVY HUB"** at the EXPO.

The EXPO will open 90 minutes before the start of each of the NSW Premier's Gala Concerts. The times are **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am-1.30 pm** and **3.00 pm-5.45 pm** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 am-4.45 pm.**

Australian Seniors  
Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

## Meet your Ancestors An Interactive Forum



Friday, 20 March 2015  
9.30am - 12.00 noon  
Mitchell Theatre,  
Level 1 280 Pitt Street, Sydney

Speakers  
Demonstrations  
& Audience  
interaction

### Topics include:

- Family History Basics
- Ancestry & Family Tree Maker
- Birth Deaths and Marriage Records
- The story of your house and locality

### To mark the Centenary of World War I:

- How to access the records of ancestors who fought in the Great War



*This event is free but bookings are required*

*Call 9286 3871 or email [office@ascca.org.au](mailto:office@ascca.org.au)*

**NSW Seniors WEEK** Meet Your Ancestors  
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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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Contributions are welcome. Remember this is **YOUR NEWSLETTER**. Please take special note clubs outside Sydney and NSW. Please forward contributions by email to the editor.

### Launceston Club Members with Lucky Draw iPad from ASCCA Conference 2014



Ted Bramich, Ron Baker, Dennis Murray, Glenn Gilpin, Iris Meek and Harvey Tavener and the members of the Launceston Computer Group are really pleased to have won one of the two iPads given away at our November Conference.

One member from each club represented each day was given a "lucky draw" ticket and Iris was thrilled to be able to take one of the iPads home. She is a regular at the Conference and was heard to comment; "I hope I have a few conferences left in me yet!" We certainly hope so too Iris! **Thanks for sending us the photo.**

The other "lucky draw" iPad was won by the Crows Nest Club in Sydney and was also accepted with enthusiasm.

#### **THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS CONSUMER ACTION NETWORK**

**ACCAN advises consumers that the proposed Copyright Notice Scheme will impact consumer access on the internet.** The draft Industry Code is now available online for public comment and feedback. Consumers are encouraged to give feedback on the scheme via the Communications Alliance Website.

<http://www.commsalliance.com.au/Documents/public-comment>  
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