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There were many moments of sheer inspiration during the course of our 17th ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors in November. However there are no words to describe the extraordinary atmosphere in the Rydges Ballroom as Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum shared the story of his life. He spoke with joy, and encouragement as a person who has overcome so many of the serious challenges of being blind since birth. He has a great appreciation of developments in technology and has led a life of incredible service with grace and humour. Ron is a man we would all want to listen to over and over. He has so much to teach us all no matter what age we are!

Mark Young and Kerry Orr both seemed to be everywhere when needed on each day. Mark will gradually collect all the conference presentations that can be placed on the ASCCA Website, so keep checking in to see what is available. The collage on page 3 gives an indication of the passion

and interest all our speakers showed in passing on their particular expertise - they seemed to enjoy themselves almost as much as we did. Thanks to Hon. John Ajaka for his continuing support. Alex Zaharev-Reutt managed to entice a certain senior lady from Tasmania to try "driving" around the hotel on his latest "toy". We may have a photo of this escapade for you next month!

Charlie Brown and Geoff Hinchcliffe enjoyed each others presentations so much they were last seen talking earnestly together. David Bennett did a great job as MC, although he did seem to have a problem telling the difference between an African Violet and a bottle of "nice red"!

A slight hitch occurred when we "lost" a speaker, but without a moments hesitation oral historian and passionate advocate of life story writing, Trish Levido, a conference guest, responded to our request and delivered a wonderful talk we all enjoyed. Thanks Trish. Thanks to each person who helped!

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS OF ASCCA

At the conclusion of Day 1 of the 17th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors on Tuesday, 17th November the AGM was held at 3.30pm. The President, Nan Bosler and the Treasurer, 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. Jim Parker, who did not stand for re-election, was thanked and congratulated for his excellent work as Treasurer and 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)

Nan Bosler was enthusiastically welcomed back as President and she welcomed Dorothy Soper to the Board as the new Treasurer. The announcements of the Winners of our 2015 ASCCA Competitions were made by the Competition Coordinator, Joan Craymer who expressed thanks to Geoff Beatty from Still Photography for his continued generosity in donating time to judge the photography entries and to Mike Murphy for also sharing his talents by judging our Creative Writing for the third year. Although not able to be present at the AGM, both these judges are most encouraging and helpful and their support of ASCCA is greatly appreciated.

For a full list of the Winners of the Competitions see pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter or look at the ASCCA Website to see all the winning photos and read all the winning poems and stories. Congratulation to our winners in competitions where the standard of the entries was excellent.

ASCCA BOARD ELECTED AT AGM

Held in Sydney on
17th November 2015

NAN BOSLER

President

JOAN CRAYMER

Vice President

DOROTHY SOPER

Treasurer

ALWYN STUCKEY

Secretary

DAVID BENNETT

Director

ALLAN MIKKELSEN

Director

DAVID NUM

Director

ANNETTE STUCKEY

Director

JENNIFER WILLCOX

Director

ASCCA Office Christmas & New Year Closing Dates



On Friday 18th December 2015, at close of business, the ASCCA Office will be unattended until Monday 4th January 2016. We wish all our staff and volunteers a very Happy Christmas and look forward to working with them again in 2016.

We also wish all our readers and ASCCA Members a very Happy Christmas Season and a Very Happy Year in 2016.

SOME VERY IMPORTANT THANK YOU MESSAGES

Thanks to our President Nan Bosler OAM, the ASCCA Board and ASCCA's Staff who all contributed many volunteer hours. Thanks to Diane Brentnall and to every Volunteer who donated time to make the 2015 Conference so successful.

Thanks also for the generosity of our wonderful line-up of speakers who willingly shared their knowledge with us and educated us in many topics of great interest.

Those helpful people who brought their products and services to our attention through their efforts in setting up and handling our many enquiries on the variety of Information Stands during each of the conference breaks also deserve our thanks for their patience and help.



Thanks to our 2015 Sponsors for your generous support - We could not have done it as well without your help..



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**2015 ASCCA COMPUTER
CONFERENCE FOR SENIORS
IN PICTURES**

Jenny Willcox

Laurie
Patton

Jan Patterson

David Bennett

Joan Craymer

Amy Roberts

Nan Bosler OAM

Ann Howard

David Num

Alastair
MacGibbon

Ron McCallum AO

The Hon John Ajaka

Trish Levido

Alex Zaharev-Reutt

Kerry Farmer

Diane Brentnell

Andy Malakooti

Scott Ewing

Geoff Hinchcliffe

Divesh Narayan

Charlie Brown

2015 ASCCA Digital Photography Results - Judge Geoff Beatty



Third Place - "*Mount Fuji, Japan*"
Sandra Keen - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Gotya! Salt Flats at Santa Marta, Columbia*" - Ida Greenway - Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches, NSW

PEOPLE / PORTRAIT

First Place - "*Love across the Generations*" - Judy Wallace - Computer Pals for Newcastle Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*Birthday Boy*" - Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic

Third Place - "*Unforgettable*" - Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic

Highly Commended - "*Enjoying a Beer*" - Liz Temple - Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

LANDSCAPE / SEASCAPE

First Place - "*High Arctic*" - John Dickinson - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*Thunderous Power*" - Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic

Third Place - "*Tarangire Baobab*" - Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Living in Harmony*" - Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURAL/MANMADE

First Place - "*Summer Palace Defences*" - Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*Highs and Lows*" - Glenore Feilla - Westlakes Seniors Computer Club Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Bridge over Tranquil Waters*" - Sandra Keen - Computer Pals for Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Melbourne Skyline*" - Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic.

ANIMALS

First Place - "*Hiding*" - Chris McQuillen - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic.

Second Place - "*Poised*" - Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic

Third Place - "*Testing their Strength*" - Patricia Beal - Computer Pals for

CHAMPION CLUB 2015

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

GRAND CHAMPION PHOTOGRAPHER 2015

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

PHOTO JOURNALISM

First Place - "*Crowded Skies*" Ray Chatterton - AUSOM Incorporated Vic.

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

Third Place - "*New Zealand on the Move*" - Grant Nichol - Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Hindu Man Religious Festival*" - Joyce Moody - Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches Inc.

PHOTO TRAVEL

First Place - "*Tahiti Sunset*" Robert Cutting - AUSOM Incorporated Vic

Second Place - "*Threshing Wheat*" - Sue Block - AUSOM Incorporated, Vic

Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Hungry Bear*"
- John Dickinson - Westlakes Seniors
Computer Club Inc. NSW

OPEN TOPIC

First Place - "*Pushed to the Limit*" -

2014 ASCCA Creative Writing Results - Judge Mike Murphy

POETRY - OPEN

First Place - "*The Last*" - Ken Davies
- Computer Pals for Seniors - The
Hills, NSW

First Place - "*These Things I Love*" -
Grant Nichol - Computer Pals for
Seniors - The Hills, NSW

First Place - "*Song of the Omegas
Child*" - Carmel Smith - Computer
Pals for Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Belmont
Dental*" - Peter Mackinlay - AUSOM
Incorporated, Vic

Highly Commended - "*The Dreadful
Saga of the Plantar Wart*" - Deirdre
Mason - Mangrove Mountain
Computer Club NSW

POETRY - I REMEMBER

First Place - "*I Remember Well -
Here Beneath the Stars*" - Connie
Vallis - Computer Pals for Seniors -
The Hills Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*Memories Lost*" -
Carmel Smith - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*I Remember Well*" -
Harold Franks - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*As I
Remember It*" - Fred Schinkel -
Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle
Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Cinderella*" -
Barbara Bartlett - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*Remembering
a Fortunate Life*" - Meri Forrest -
Peel SeniorNet Association Inc. WA

POETRY - THE DAY THE RAIN CAME

First Place - "*Listen*" - Barbara
Bartlett - Computer Pals for Seniors
Newcastle Inc. NSW

First Place - "*Send 'er Down Huey*" -
Carmel Smith - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*A Small
Forest - A Haiku Journey*" - Connie
Vallis - Computer Pals for Seniors -
The Hills Inc. NSW

Ray Chatterton - AUSOM
Incorporated, Vic

Second Place - "*Getting Started*" -
John Hain - Parramatta Computer
Pals for Seniors, Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Reflection Serenity*" -

Highly Commended - "*Harvest*" -
Fred Schinkel - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*The Betting
Man*" - Deirdre Mason - Mangrove
Mountain Computer Club NSW

Highly Commended - "*As the Rain
Comes Like a Tide*" - Harold Franks -
Computer Pals for Seniors Newcastle
Inc. NSW

Highly Commended - "*The Day the
Rain Came*" - Grant Nichol -
Computer Pals for Seniors - The Hills
Inc. NSW

STORY - OPEN

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

Second Place - "*Arachnid*" - Carmel
Smith - Computer Pals for Seniors
Newcastle Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Christmas Dinner with
Lucy*" - Deirdre Mason - Mangrove
Mountain Computer Club, NSW

STORY - I REMEMBER

First Place - "*The Blue Planet*" -
Barbara Bartlett - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Second Place - "*Reminiscence*" -
Deirdre Mason - Mangrove Mountain
Computer Club, NSW

Third Place - "*The Emperor and I*" -
Dana Boudaghian - Computer Pals
for Seniors Northern Beaches Inc.
NSW

STORY - THE DAY THE RAIN CAME

First Place - "*Three Days to
Celebrate*" - Carmel Smith - Deirdre
Mason - Mangrove Mountain
Computer Club, NSW

Second Place - "*Bloody Rain*" -
Carmel Smith - Computer Pals for
Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*Raindrops Keep
Falling*" - Malcolm Barnett -
Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping
Inc. NSW

Third Place - "*It Never Rained Out
Here*" - Fred Schinkel - Computer

Lois Saleeba - AUSOM Incorporated,
Vic

Highly Commended - "*Christmas
Beetle*" - Margaret Ewing - Brisbane
Seniors Online Association, Qld

Thanks again to Geoff Beatty

Pals for Seniors Newcastle Inc. NSW

SPECIAL CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

Best Entry in Competition - "*Amber*"
- **Coryn O'Nians** - Computer Pals
for Seniors - Epping Inc. NSW

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

Individual Grand Champion Writer -
Second Place - Deirdre Mason -
Mangrove Mountain Computer Club,
NSW

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

Grand Champion Writing Club
Second Place - **Computer Pals for
Seniors - The Hills Inc.**

**Carmel Smith 2015 Grand
Champion Writer, pictured
below with two other Newcastle
Club Writer's Group members,
Barbara Bartlett and Barry Keen**



**Coryn O'Nians from Computer
Pals Epping, winner of Best Entry
in 2015 Award for Writing**



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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 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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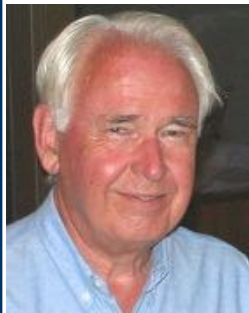
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FAREWELL TO JAMES PARKER WELCOME TO DOROTHY SOPER

Jim has now retired from his position as Honorary Treasurer, Company Secretary and Valued ASCCA Board Member.



When he was invited to fill a casual vacancy on the ASCCA Board as Treasurer in August 2011 he threw himself into the job for which he was so well

qualified. Jim is a UK Chartered Accountant and member of the Institute of Management Accounts and has contributed generously to the financial steadiness and general growth of ASCCA and other not for profit groups. We are sad to "lose" Jim, but understand he has certainly earned his "retirement". He has been Treasurer of his local Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches Computer Club since 2009. All Jim's ASCCA friends and colleagues wish him and Jenny well for their future.

Being such a thorough person, Jim has been instrumental in encouraging Dorothy Soper to accept nomination as ASCCA's new Treasurer. Dorothy was elected to the new Board as Treasurer at the 2015 AGM on 17th November.

Dorothy is well-known to many ASCCA Members as a cheerful, helpful employee over five years, from 2007—2012 as Club Development Officer and then Office Manager.

Dorothy is also a Chartered Accountant, who trained in England. She was born near Oxford and trained in Torquay.



She became a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in 1980. Then both Dorothy and her husband Bill worked with

Price Waterhouse in Papua New Guinea for two years and she continued with them in Adelaide for 18 months. The arrival of children soon meant accountancy work was done at home. The family moved to Sydney in 1997.

After a few years in Sydney Dorothy took on part-time accountancy work and also became involved in volunteering at the Sydney Adventist Hospital in their Learning and Development Department, before joining ASCCA.

Dorothy's education included one year in Stoughton High School, USA, where she graduated as an Exchange Student in 1974. Travel and family have always been important to Dorothy and she has an interest in astrology. She is currently the Vice President of Computer Pals for Seniors Turrumurra, where she has been a trainer and committee member. Welcome home to ASCCA Dorothy!