

ASCCA's President Nan Bosler OAM - a Winner at the 2017 Australian NFP Technology Awards

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You will find a one minute video made by Mark Young to introduce Nan Bosler to attendees at the Australian Not-for-Profit Awards on: <https://youtu.be/UQdc6IVPmHw>



Nan Bosler was one of six inspirational winners; both individuals and organisations, to be recognised at the 2017 **Australian not-for-profit Technology Awards** Dinner which was hosted by **Connecting Up Australia** at the Hawthorn Arts Centre in Melbourne on 4th May 2017. These Awards are held to highlight the achievements of the not-for-profit sector in Australia.

Nan's Award, the "**Not-For-Profit Technology Lifetime Service Award**" was given to "*Recognise and celebrate the outstanding commitment and service by an individual*

working in a technology-related role in the not-for-profit sector over a significant period of time." As the volunteer President and founder of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) in 1998, Nan was building upon 50 years as a NFP volunteer and innovator of new ideas to support her community.

In all her volunteer pursuits Nan has always demonstrated her unselfish approach towards achieving a desirable outcome for her fellow Australians and has eagerly embraced new ideas and technologies.

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ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

15 June 2017 - United Nations World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

8 & 9 November, 2017 - The 19th Australian 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 at the conclusion of the first day of the Conference

Have you put the Dates in your Diary yet? Nan has already invited some exciting new speakers and some of your old favourites have already put the dates aside for ASCCA.

Please help by letting ASCCA know if you have news of an event that will be of interest or benefit to our ASCCA Members from other States in Australia, please share the details with us at ASCCA. We are interested in news about ASCCA Clubs throughout Australia.



TO BE HELD IN SYDNEY ON WEDNESDAY 8TH AND THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

The Hon Tanya Davies, NSW Minister for Ageing Launches Tech Savvy Seniors Roadshow



On Monday 15th May Minister Davies, Telstra and FACS Staff, ASCCA Vice President Joan Craymer, her husband Alan and several seniors eager to learn, gathered around the special bus which will travel through a network of community centres and libraries to help seniors learn to use computers, tablets and smartphones.

"With so many aspects of our lives now online, it's important to ensure that older people can actively engage in all aspects of the community ... The roadshow brings this empowering

program to older people in rural areas, some for the first time. It will get more seniors accessing information that will benefit their health and social wellbeing." Mrs Davies said.

While speaking in support of the Roadshow, ASCCA's Joan Craymer said; *"I can see this as a catalyst for many seniors to gently 'push' them to make a proper firm decision to 'do it' rather than just keep thinking vague thoughts like, 'Yes I know I should do it - sometime'. What amazing opportunities communications give people of all ages in 2017!"*

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Her contagious enthusiasm has always promoted co-operation and success through her encouragement and participation in unselfish team-work to achieve the ideals of ASCCA and the many other not for profit organisations she actively supports.

Nan has embraced technology to create opportunities for countless Australians regardless of age, gender, educational opportunities or abilities, geographic location, affluence or cultural background and simply cannot contain her enthusiasm or resist the opportunity to assist all disadvantaged people.

Towards her life-time humanitarian goal of social inclusion Nan's enduring commitment to the Australian community has embraced her paid employments and extensive voluntary work.

Everyone involved with ASCCA is excited with this award to recognise our amazing and generous volunteer President Nan, who has been an inspiration and a mentor to so many of us in our lives and in our own volunteering work. Congratulations and thank you for everything Nan.

The Award for **"Social Media Campaign of the Year"** was given to **Melanoma Patients Australia** for the most effective and innovative use of social media by a not-for-profit organisation, for their unique digital advertising campaign, **'Melanoma Likes Me'**.

"Using Technology to Connect to the Community Award - Best Government Agency". This award was won by the **National Disability Insurance Agency**.

The award for **"Not-For-Profit Technology**

Innovator of the Year" recognised **Holyoake** as the not-for-profit organisation which best showcased innovation through the use of technology. Holyoake developed the social enterprise **DRUMBEAT®** - **Discovering Relationships Using Music - Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes & Thoughts** and **DRUMBEAT Quest®** - the world's first video game for social and emotional learning incorporating the latest neuroscience on emotional regulation and rhythm.

"Using Technology to Connect to the Community Award - Best Small/Medium Enterprise (SME)". This award recognised the highly-valued contribution of two finalists at the award dinner. **Evolve IT Australia** was recognised for the provision of IT service support to businesses and not-for-profit organisations across Australia, including a private cloud product and service that specialises in **Aboriginal ICT support**. Also gaining recognition was **Vollie** - for their work connecting with not-for-profit organisations and engaging with skills-based volunteer professionals to help not-for-profits move projects forward.

The award for **"Technology Volunteer of the Year"** went to Damian Marken, Volunteer at **The Compassionate Friends Victoria**. This not-for-profit organisation supports parents and siblings following the death of a child in a family. Damien used technology to help Compassionate Friends meet the needs of both the organisation and the grieving parents. His work in building a completely new website and improvements in social media was recognised for the positive impact it provided to those experiencing overwhelming grief.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all Volunteers who make a difference.



**THE ASCCA DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN
THE COMPETITIONS WILL CLOSE AT 4.00 PM ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

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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 - \$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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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 Computer Pals for Seniors Maitland Inc.



During **National Volunteer Week** the Mayor of Maitland, Peter Blackmore OAM presented the Maitland City Service Awards to show appreciation to individuals and groups that have generously volunteered their time to benefit their community. As joint winners of the "**City of Maitland Service Award**" the **Maitland Computer Pals for Seniors** President Coral Cox and other Committee members, (pictured above) were very excited as they received their award from the Mayor.



Do you regularly look at the ASCCA Website?

www.ascca.org.au **HAVE A LOOK NOW!** Our Website is **not one of those sad neglected websites that are rarely updated.**

Mark Young is constantly refreshing and adding information to public and members areas and adding value to each club's Annual ASCCA Membership. Do you know what is available on the Members Page? If not, ask your Club President or Secretary for your Club's unique Password to give you access to the Members Page. Here you, as a financial member of an ASCCA Club, can have access to excellent "**How To**" notes, Mark's monthly "**Technical Information for Clubs**" notes which comprehensively cover many topics to help club tutors and members, excellent "**Course Notes**" ready for tutors to use ... and more.

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