

## ASCCA's Annual Conferences highly regarded by both delegates and presenters

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### **A Reminder to ASCCA Club Members**

It is time to think about sending in your entries for 2017 Don't forget!



### **19th Australian Computer Conference For Seniors SYDNEY - WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

One of the great strengths and delights of the last 18 ASCCA Conferences has been the sense of excitement and cooperation between our volunteer speakers. They are always eager and generous as they search out the latest details and pass on their knowledge with fun and an understanding of our needs and interests. In other circumstances, perhaps many of these presenters might be considered as "friendly rivals".

Whether our speakers are technology experts from rival companies, research scientists, librarians or archivists, medical experts, family history experts, politicians of different "brands" or public servants appointed to implement new policies of interest to seniors, there is always an atmosphere of respect and an overarching

wish to inform and entertain for the benefit of all our senior Australians.

Don't be tempted to look at the list of speakers for the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference and think; "*I have heard him/her before.*" In the world of computer technologies nothing stands still; so make the effort to come along and enjoy hearing about all the changes and new opportunities as well as some timely warnings and suggestions.

The aim of everyone who works to bring you the ASCCA Conferences, is to give you the tools to understand and choose those things which will enrich your life and strengthen the bonds between the different generations. It is unfortunate if a lack of understanding causes disruption and frustration in our lives, when we could be

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### **2017 ASCCA Competitions**

**THE COMPETITIONS WILL CLOSE AT 4.00 PM ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 ENTRY FORMS AND RULES & CONDITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE ASCCA WEBSITE**

## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

**August is Seniors Month in the Northern Territory – to download the calendar**

<http://www.cotant.org.au/territory-seniors-calendar/>

**19-27 August 2017, Queensland Seniors Week - Celebrating a Queensland for all ages**

<http://www.qldseniorsweek.org.au/>

**1 - 8 September 2017 - Adult Learners Week "Take the Leap, rediscover learning - a celebration of learning and how it changes lives"**

**October 2017, 35<sup>th</sup> Victorian Seniors Festival - Free and low-cost events across Victoria throughout October. Free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders from Sunday 8 to Sunday 15 October, 2017** <http://www.cotaact.org.au/seniors-week-2017/2017>

**7 to the 27 October - South Australian ZestFest 2017 - A celebration about connection and challenging the concept of ageing.** <https://zestfestsa.org.au/>

**Monday 16 to Sunday 22 October 2017 - Tasmania Seniors Week**

<http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2017/>

**29 October to 5 November 2017 - Western Australia Seniors Week**

<https://www.dlqc.wa.gov.au/CommunityInitiatives/Pages/Seniors-Week.aspx>

**8 & 9 November, 2017 - The 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Conference 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.

## Westpac Bankers share session on Internet Banking at Northern Beaches

**Ian Vickery**, Treasurer of **Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches**, recently led an interactive group session on **Internet Banking**. This was attended by **Michael Sirmai**, **Westpac Regional General Manager** and his **Avalon Manager Miranda Tickner**.

Members learnt a lot about security issues

- Mobile apps are just as safe as Internet Online banking sites, just more convenient and user friendly on a mobile or tablet device
- Only use secure sites with an **s** after http
- Don't allow your Browser to save your password
- There is a lot of mail theft going on nowadays
- Preferable to collect credit or debit cards from the bank rather than receive them in the mail
- Bank statements are best received by email or via Online Banking (they contain personal details useful to fraudsters) – and lots more.

Michael and Miranda assured us Northern Beaches members that we should not be concerned about security issues and in the unlikely event of a loss arising, the Bank will bear the cost, provided the rules are followed on such matters as control of passwords. The Advance Bank - predecessor to St George Bank - was the first bank in the world to introduce Internet Banking. It was stressed that you

should always check with your bank for their Security Guarantee.

**Online Banking is here to stay.** The sooner we all come aboard the easier it will be in the long run. Incidentally, 25% of ASCCA Membership fees this year have been paid by cheque! Acting Treasurer Jim Parker, would like to see ASCCA Clubs come aboard first; we should urge our Clubs to set up Internet Banking and also encourage the teaching of Internet Banking to their students.

This is a link to a Commonwealth Bank tutorial ASCCA had a hand in launching - [https://www.telstra.com.au/content/dam/tcom/seniors/pdf/Online\\_Banking\\_Telstra\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.telstra.com.au/content/dam/tcom/seniors/pdf/Online_Banking_Telstra_Guide.pdf)

There is also a big push from Government Departments to have all seniors computer literate so that we can communicate via the Internet with Centrelink, Medicare, MyGov, EHealth, ATO etc. Clubs are encouraged to include Training on how to set up MyGov accounts, how to make Medicare claims OnLine, how to use ETax and so on.

**Thanks to Jim Parker for this article and the useful tips to stop us from being "left behind" and marginalised.**

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equipped to accept or reject new experiences, proposals or inventions on their true merit and with confidence either way.

We will have the **Hon Tanya Davies, NSW Minister for Ageing**, who has shown great interest in the work of ASCCA as our opening speaker.

During the course of the two day Conference **Peter Blasina, Charlie Brown** and **Alex Zaharov-Reutt** will each enthral everyone in the room and engage our attention, with their own unique and entertaining style. Where else could this amazing opportunity be available?

This year there is a really compelling reason for users of Apple devices to make a decision to attend. On Day 1 there will be a one and a half hour workshop on **iPhone and iPad Personalisation**. This is not to be missed if Apple is in your sphere of interest.

Everyone looks forward to hearing from our **Microsoft** speaker each year - so many interesting things to discover with expert help at hand! We will also have **Shane**

**Treeves** whose enthusiasm and ability to share the wonders of everything "**Google**" always carry his listeners off into cyber adventures with new possibilities.

**Dr Monica Trujillo** who is the Executive General Manager of Australian Digital Health, will discuss "**eHealth and what this means for you**". It could save your life, but of course you will want to know about privacy and the keeping of ongoing accurate records. Will you or a carer have a password?

We will have **Dr. Mandy Viser** and her colleagues sharing their work on the development of new computer programs specially for seniors and some findings on hearing, cognition, and recognising emotions across the lifespan.

There is so much in store for you to enjoy; so keep up to date on the ASCCA Website and in our Newsletters and plan to attend.

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**You really don't want to miss ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors Number 19. It will be new and fresh and also familiar and reliably excellent.**

## **Nan Bosler OAM talks about Political Correctness**

There has been quite a buzz in the media lately about Senior Australians and their feelings about **Political Correctness**, following the release of a media report at the end of July. "A new study released by the **Australian Seniors Insurance Agency** shows that the vast majority of seniors believe people are too politically correct in modern society (87.9%)".

*Such news as "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS HAS GONE MAD, CLAIM AUSSIE SENIORS" and "Survey Reveals Nine in Ten Respondents Believe Political Correctness is Ruining Society" brought several requests for interviews by our busy ASCCA President Nan Bosler and we thought you would enjoy listening to a Podcast of her interview on the 2UE "Talking Lifestyle Show" during "The Daily Drive" with Nick Bennett and Sam Stove.*

<https://omny.fm/shows/the-daily-drive/senior-australians-say-political-correctness-is-ru>

Nan commented that the reality of accepting political correctness in this wonderful country of ours sometimes frustrates older Australians and causes confusion, while no disrespect is intended. *It is confusing to find the names we had attached to products or even plants for generations may have become politically incorrect*", Nan said. *"In a country made up of people of all ages, many faiths and cultures and a huge range of diverse backgrounds, the glue that can make us one is respect."* Showing respect for each other does not mean that we have to adopt the same views about everything.

**Thanks to 2UE for sharing the link for us to enjoy as we ponder our own thoughts on this sensitive question.**

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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  
1 - 20 members - \$55 Incl. GST;  
21 - 40 members - \$115 Incl. GST;  
41 - 100 members - \$175 Incl. GST;  
Over 100 members - \$300 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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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.

## ASCCA Supports Adult Learners Week 2017



**"A celebration of learning and how it changes lives."**

The ideals and goals of the **Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA)** and **Adult Learning Australia (ALA)** are intertwined and we have worked together for a long time to promote the joy of life-long learning, with an emphasis on the provision of opportunities for Seniors who embrace computer technologies through our enthusiastic joint involvement in the **Australian Government's Broadband for Seniors Initiative and Kiosks.**

Any event that raises awareness of the benefits of adult learning and the availability of classes with appropriate opportunities for seniors is worth celebrating. The achievements of adult learners are not always noted and reported by the media, but the more we can do to help to demonstrate the positive impact on continuing to learn and build fruitful relationships with other organisations, the more impact we can have upon funding agencies and politicians in all levels of government.

### OPEN DAY INVITATION FROM ADELAIDE LORD MAYOR MARTIN HAESE



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The City of Adelaide's Lord Mayor Martin Haese will be hosting the **Adelaide Town Hall Open Day** on Sunday, 8 October 2017 from 10:30am to 4:00pm. Often we don't hear about these rare and welcome opportunities to view and learn the history of the usually inaccessible areas of our Heritage Buildings until the day of the event - and sometimes not until the evening news on the day. So here is an opportunity for ASCCA to share this invitation sent to us "to pass on to the members of our community".