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*ASCCA supports Safer Internet Day and we encourage you to join in!*

*Help spread the word and raise awareness about the importance of respect both online and offline.*

# Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you

This year's Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 6 February 2018. The 2018 theme is :

**Create, connect and share respect:**
**A better internet starts with you!**

It is a call to action for every stakeholder to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, in particular the youngest users out there. More than that, it is an invitation for everyone to join in and engage with others in a respectful way in order to ensure a better digital experience. Continued on page 4

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## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

6 February 2018—Safer Internet Day, www.saferinternetday.org

4—15 April 2018 - NSW Seniors Festival , *Let's Do More Together.* For more information go to http://www.nswseniorsfestival.com.au/

# SWADE takes off

The Seniors West Australian Digital Expansion project (SWADE) is soon to be launched throughout Western Australia. The result of a successful grant application by ASCCA to Good Things Foundation under the umbrella of Dept Social Services and the Digital Literacy for Older Australians initiative, SWADE will deliver the Be Connected program in WA.

Jennifer Willcox

It sounds a little like a family tree in itself but the two people who will deliver on the required outcomes are no dead wood. ASCCA Director – WA, and past Coordinator of Walpole Community Resource Centre, Jennifer Willcox (Jenny) has teamed with Natika Hawes-Wright (Tik) past Coordinator of Kununurra Community Resource Centre to form the driving force behind the initiative. As these ladies know the WA CRC Network so well, having 40 years experience between them, they will begin with who they know best, learning what works and what doesn't, so that by the time the program is rolled out to Neighbourhood Centres, Aged Care Facilities and Public Libraries, it will be a well oiled machine, running like clockwork.

Natika Hawes-Wright

While the program is primarily aimed at Seniors, it is also open to all folks disadvantaged by culture or health. This opens up a very wide spectrum and will be a huge undertaking given the size of Western Australia, the distances between towns and the sheer remoteness of many towns and communities. While Jenny and Tik are at opposite ends of Western Australia – Walpole is on the South Coast and Kununurra is in the Kimberley region at the Top End they are using high tech methods of research, communication and information sharing and really putting the program through its paces during the development stage.

In this digital age there are still many people who are not enlightened, (read computer literate) especially seniors, making them isolated, not only physically but socially and emotionally. SWADE's goal is to reach out to these folk connecting through the networks mentioned and providing access to learning opportunities via resources such as video conferencing, webinars and face to face lessons delivered in their local centres, thereby taking the classes directly to them. The aim is to obtain new registrations of folk who are not already participating in such a program, and once they have been through the Be Connected program they too will be confident in dealing with Government departments online, keeping in touch with friends and family via emails and social media and generally staying abreast of what the rest of the world is up to. They may perhaps get to like this digital age and seek to join a Seniors Computer Club near them and continue to learn more of what technology has to offer.

SWADE is due for release early February and progressive reports will be made on its progress.

# Want to expand your members' digital knowledge? Join the Tech Savvy Seniors revolution.

Tech Savvy Seniors is a program delivered by the NSW state Government and Telstra that gives older people, particularly those in regional and remote areas of New South Wales, the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence to use technology for socialising, accessing important services or conducting personal business.

To date Tech Savvy Seniors has delivered over 60,000 digital literacy training courses to older people in NSW. Tech Savvy Seniors is now seeking to expand the delivery of its courses to ASCCA clubs across NSW and wants you to take part in its initial trial.

The Tech Savvy Seniors program has designed a range of specific courses to help older people take full advantage of the digital world, from social media to banking just about every topic is covered. Delivering these courses in the friendly, safe and secure environment of your local Seniors Computer Club is a great way to increase member engagement as well as the overall value of the club.

If you are interested in helping deliver meaningful and structured digital literacy training courses to the members of your club please contact: office@ascca.org.au to express your interest in participating.

If you want to know more about the Tech Savvy Seniors program or look at the range of current courses available please follow this link to the website: https://www.telstra.com.au/tech-savvy-seniors

# Online and Face to Face

A Global Summit on Caregiving was organised by Kari Henley from Age Without Borders and co-hosted by Moira Allen from the Pass it On Network. It was held online from 20 to 26 January. Being a Carer is truly one of the most challenging responsibilities that we face in the twenty-first Century.
The Global Summit on Caregiving involved over 60 speakers from 17 counties sharing leading edge tools, insights and personal stories. Kari Henley and Moira Allen did a video interview with ASCCA President, Nan Bosler as she shared her story of being a carer. Mark Young was on hand to set it up and make sure it went smoothly. Thanks Mark.
The Hong Kong ACAP Summit was held 26-28 January and was co-organised by ACAP (Active Ageing Consortium Asia Pacific), Golden Age Foundation and the Institute of Active Ageing of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The Summit featured over 80 well known speakers from Hong Kong and overseas, including ASCCA's Nan Bosler. Excellent planning led by Teresa Tsien, Professor of Practice (Gerontology), wonderful knowledge shared so generously and fun made the Summit a great success.

Nan Bosler, Donghee Han and Kathryn Braun

Moira Allen, Dr Cullen Hayashida, Dr Donghee Han, Prof Kathryn Braun and Prof Christopher Conybeare were speakers at one or both of these events. You may recognise their names as they have all presented at our ASCCA Conferences.

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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.

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 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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Over the years, Safer Internet Day (SID) has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar. Starting as an initiative of the EU SafeBorders project in 2004 and taken up by the Insafe network as one of its earliest actions in 2005, Safer Internet Day has grown beyond its traditional geographic zone and is now celebrated in approximately 130 countries worldwide.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is the official Committee for Safer Internet Day in Australia — responsible for driving the initiative nationally.

eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman Grant

The Office is focussing its local efforts on the respect element of the SID2018 theme, running a number of activities and events for individuals and organisations to participate in. Find out how you can get involved and help the Office reach all Australians — young or older — with important SID messages and advice.

Computer Pals for Seniors moved very quickly to promote this special day and registered as supporters. They have also created a video using Safer Internet Day resources. Why not view it on https://youtu.be/Xbww_QcXihM

For fun resources to help make sharing this important message easy go to the Safer Internet Day website.

To see what others are doing, or to find out how you can get involved to make the world a more respectful place visit esafety.gov.au/saferinternetday