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NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL

The 2018 NSW Seniors Festival will run from Wednesday 4 April to Sunday 15 April. The theme of the 2018 Festival is *Let's Do More Together.*

This year the Festival will celebrate its 60th year. The NSW Seniors Festival is the largest festival for seniors in the Southern Hemisphere, reaching up to 500,000 seniors each year.

Presented by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS), NSW Seniors Festival is designed to celebrate the role seniors play and the contributions they make to the NSW community.

The NSW Seniors Festival Expo is back and better than ever, with over 50 exhibitors showcasing the latest in lifestyle, technology, health and government services. The NSW Seniors Festival is an annual fun, free event featuring over 50 exhibitors and plenty of giveaways. The Expo takes place alongside the Premier's Gala Concerts on Thursday 5 & Friday 6 April.

ASCCA will have a stand so look for Mark Young!

You will find the Expo in Hall 4, Exhibition Centre, International Convention Centre (ICC), 14 Darling Drive, Sydney NSW 2000 on Thursday 5 April, & Friday 6 April. There is no cost to attend the Expo.

TV & Radio Broadcaster Susie Elelman and Rhythmboat's 'Tom' Cruise Director will host non-stop entertainment on the Expo Live Stage over two days. There's always room in life for new experiences and they're even better when shared with friends, family and others. So *Let's Do More Together!*



Go to <http://www.nswseniorsfestival.com.au/> for more information about the NSW Seniors Festival 2018

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

4 -15 April 2018 - Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast.

30 -31 October 2018—20th Australian Technology Conference for Seniors, Rydges World Square Hotel, Sydney.

SWADE project launched in WA



The SWADE project hit the ground running on 13th February with the distribution of a comprehensive online survey to over 100 Community Resource Centres throughout regional Western Australia.

The survey was the culmination of several weeks' collaboration between Jenny and Natika, the driving forces representing ASCCA in the delivery of the Be Connected program in WA.

Within hours of receipt of the invitation to take part in the survey thirty percent had been opened and responded to. It seems the purpose of the survey, being to ascertain interest and capabilities of delivering digital literacy learning modules to seniors and others in regional communities, was welcomed with open arms. This early positive response bodes well for the success of the program.

Already bookings have been made by several communities, mainly Community Resource Centres, for an initial consultation via video conferencing, to set out the workings of establishing new Clubs and registering with Be Connected new members to take part in this innovative way of online learning.

SWADE now has its own website - <http://www.ascca-swade.weebly.com> - built by Natika using content contributed by Jenny. Future plans will also include a Blog, and Newsletter as well as a Facebook presence.

Jen and Tik attended a recent meeting in Sydney hosted by Good Things Foundation and Be Connected, which was an interesting exchange of ideas and plans among the different States

that will be delivering the Be Connected program, during the first year.

The aim is to register folk in the Be Connected program, oversee and support them through the various on-line learning modules, and once they have been through the program they too will be confident in dealing with Government departments digitally as well as 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.

Learning new technology isn't just for the uninitiated. Those of us who have used it for years in our work and private lives are continually upskilling ourselves to keep abreast of the advances being made. To live our lives without technology seems impossible - internet banking, on-line shopping, social media with friends and family, booking travel arrangements, taking part in personal interests such as genealogy or playing chess with someone on the other side of the world. The opportunities are endless. Both Tik and Jen are also having to come to grips with new technologies - Dropbox; Google docs, forms, drive, photos; online contact management systems and such like.

Just wait until next month's SWADE update when we'll share with you some of the snippets from Tik's Blog, which unfortunately didn't make it to this update. But it is another reason to stay tuned!

Exciting times ahead.

The Gold Coast is hosting the 2018 Commonwealth Games

The first *Commonwealth Games* were held in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada. Eleven countries sent 400 athletes to compete in six sports and 59 events. Since then the Games have been conducted every four years, except for 1942 and 1946 because of world war two. The event has gone through many changes. From 1930 to 1950 the Games were known as the *British Empire Games*, there were two more name changes before the Games took on the title of *Commonwealth Games*. This final name change happened for the 1978 Games which were held in Edmonton, Canada. Often referred to as the *Friendly Games* only single completion sports had been on the program from 1930 until 1994. In 1998 the first of the team games were included.



With worldwide attention there is likely to be an increase in scams and cybercrime related to the Games. It is important that we don't get caught up in Games fever and forget about our online safety.



The Commonwealth Games @GC2018 are just around the corner! The hype of a major sporting event can draw unwanted attention from cybercriminals. Like @StaySmartOnline and subscribe to the alert service to keep updated with the latest tips and stories throughout the games.

<http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service>

Visiting the Gold Coast for the Commonwealth Games @GC2018? Then follow these tips to avoid travel and accommodation scams. <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/Dont-let-travel-and-accommodation-scams-ruin-your-trip-to-the-Commonwealth-Games>



Looking for some last-minute tickets to the Commonwealth Games @GC2018? Only buy official. Read these tips to avoid being tricked by scammers.

<https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/news/want-buy-tickets-commonwealth-games-read-our-tips-do-it-safely>

Did you know @CityOfGoldCoast has free Wi-Fi hotspots for the games @GC2018? Read these tips for staying safe using public Wi-Fi.

<https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/enjoy-free-wi-fi-during-commonwealth-games>



It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the Commonwealth Games @GC2018, but you shouldn't forget about your online safety. Read these tips to stay safe online during the Games.

<http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/think-you-can-spot-scam-message-take-test>

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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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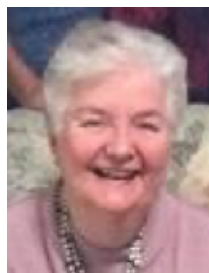
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The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website:- www.ascca.org.au You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of **ASCCA** is required.



News from Queensland

Tony Addis from The Domain Computer Club in Queensland has let us know that Ros Wells from their club has been recognised on the Australia Day Honours List and awarded a Medal (OAM) in the General Division. Ros was in her first term as president of the club when they joined ASCCA in 2009. In the years since she has seen the clubs training program progress from cut, or copy,

and paste using Windows 95 to using Windows 10, plus smart phones, iPads and Android tablets. Indeed a busy lady – but wait there's more!

Ros, to give her full name, Dr Roslyn Frances Dunbar-Wells, has been honoured with an OAM for her service to the performing arts. This service has included singer, teacher, adjudicator, author, Dunbar-Wells Voice Studio since 2003, voice teacher, Queensland Conservatorium of Music, 1982-1991 and voice teacher, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, 1974-1982. Congratulations Ros, we applaud you!

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It was exciting to learn that Fraser Shores Retirement Village Computer Group was the top performer on the Be Connected Website. The group follows the traditional ASCCA model of training to suit the student's interests and needs. Mary Braun the group's co-ordinator explained that "...the decision was made to follow each and every module step by step. This may have looked repetitive for some but it placed everyone at the same level. We have found that asking questions all the time are both effective in getting participants involved and helping to remain focused."



Trainer, André Tenholder commented "The success of Fraser Shores performance is attributed to the students in the computer class [aged 65 – 92] who bring total commitment and a high level of enthusiasm to the class every Thursday.

Their input into the program is fully supported and assisted by the organisers of the class, Mary Braun and Henny Roelofs."

I-r **Fraser Shores Team:** John Braun, Mary Braun, André Tenholder (standing), Henny Roelofs, Ron Stokes and Rob Roelofs.