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Hopefully you will find a copy of the full history on Hurstville Club's website, <http://hurstvillescc.org.au>



Hurstville Club celebrates 20 years service

Hurstville Seniors Computer Club celebrated their 20th anniversary on 30 May.



President Pamela Samuels gave a history of the club and below are extracts from their fabulous history.

The club was formed after a Public Meeting, on 29th April 1998 at the Hurstville Seniors Centre. A committee was formed and George Thompson was elected President. He then contacted the Hurstville Council for permission to use the Senior Citizens Centre for the Club. Hurstville Council was supportive and Sue Atkinson, a Council Community Development Officer and Secretary of the Seniors Centre Management Committee took up the cause. The Hall Committee agreed to have an area partitioned for the exclusive use of the Club, free of charge. Chairman of the Committee was Cr Mervyn Lynch who later became the Club's Patron.



It took over three months before the Clubroom was ready and meanwhile equipment was being collected from various places.

We have introduced many people to the world of computers over the years and we now find the need to teach the basic fundamentals of computing decreasing. Technology is ever changing, always evolving. There are new technologies coming by the hour and we are now concentrating on these. Interest is no longer in desktops but modern day technology like iPads, iPhones, and tablets.

We are now moving into our third decade and the reason for our success is because of our volunteers and we must thank our wonderful, dedicated, amazing tutors, for without them we would not have a Club.



ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

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

Mark these important dates in your diary and watch for details of speakers as they are announced. Be ready to add your name as soon as registrations open! You won't want to miss this special event. ASCCA will be trying to locate the person who has attended the most ASCCA Annual Conferences. It began as a Seminar in 1998—**were you there????**



Update

May disappeared in a puff of smoke, or so it seems! The SWADE team began reaching out to Neighbourhood Centres, helped along by an opportunistic (originally unplanned) visit to Perth by Tik, which managed to engage a number of centres, who we will be following up with phone & video calls to see how they're going with their Be Connected signups. Considering that CRCs have been campaigning again State Government budget cuts (which will see centres with cuts of between 30% and 50% of their core funding, and Neighbourhood Centres also have been facing uncertainty regarding what their next funding will entail, and re-tendering for that, we've had reasonable interest and uptake.

There have been a few anomalies in the numbers we have been expecting to come back from our centres and their users and the numbers the Be Connected team is able to retrieve from the learner portal reporting system.

We have been working closely with the Be Connected National Partnerships team to ensure accurate numbers are being reported. Both Jen and Tik have been signing up their family members and any willing friends as participants to test run the Network Partner portal and we have identified some issues (and in the mismatched numbers) so that Tik can better support the WA centres when they have queries. Some cases are more of a fine tuning issue, whilst others appear to be system issues, which are being worked on by GTF and e-Safety.

With all of this in mind, we continue to reinforce with centres the importance of keeping your own records for your user numbers. It could be as simple as a list of users' names and email addresses for their Centre, or adding them into their own CRM with a Be Connected tag to help filter out the reports when needed.

We are asking our Network Partner Centres to fill out a very quick survey for us to share numbers, in our mail outs so we have a heads up of any potential issues (either user error or systems errors) so that we can work with GTF to improve the process.

Other than these tasks, throughout May we hosted five sessions, with one planned session failing to attract any bookings. However, Jen's two sessions (Inspiration Sessions) are always well received, and have been requested again by centres who have missed all previous sessions. The other two sessions being delivered by Tik via video conference are Train the Trainer type sessions - one focusing on the Scams Awareness Week (21st-25th May) and the other on Apple devices with a particular mention of the relatively newish Apple Teacher function. The latter session leads right along with the Be Connected and ASCCA tutorials available on both websites with the first session being booked out.

Natika is now focusing on getting centres to register to participate in our monthly scheduled 'Challenges & Successes' sessions and editing down to small bite size bragging videos of just how easy it is to provide great quality workshops with two way engagement here in the west. Stay tuned for more snippets of those!

Jenny and Natika ascca-swade.weebly.com

Congratulations Cora!

It was announced on 10 March 2018 at the 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry held in Sydney that Cora Num had been awarded the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (www.affho.org) meritorious service award. Her medal and certificate were presented at The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc meeting on 1 May.



The name Cora Num is well-known to the users of her gateway Coraweb site which commenced in 1997 and today is well recognised as the go to site for Australasian genealogy for its reliability and currency.

Cora has been a presenter, author and contributor to genealogy and family history in Australia and has been welcomed as a speaker at ASCCA national conferences. She is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Congratulations Cora for your well deserved award.

Thank you!

Seniors are actively involved in all aspects of community life in Australia. They provide thousands of hours of volunteering in cultural, community, sporting and family activities. Volunteers live meaningful lives in their communities and they are exemplary role models for our younger generations.

There are more than 2000 wonderful volunteers in the network of Seniors Computer Clubs giving their time and expertise to help seniors explore the benefits and satisfaction of using technology! Thank you, our community is greatly enriched by your efforts and dedication.



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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 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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Pass on this issue of the ASCCA newsletter by printing copies for distribution, or make a list of all your club members with email addresses and forward it to them. It is of interest to each member of every club, not just Committee members.

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.

Digital Springboard

You're invited to learn about Digital Springboard - a new initiative of Infoxchange and Google.

Digital Springboard is a national program to help people learn the digital skills they need to thrive in work and life.

Join us to hear about how the program will be delivered, learn how your organisation can become involved and celebrate the steps we're taking together to ensure no one is left behind in today's digital world.

Speakers to include:

Jason Pellegrino, Managing Director, Google Australia and New Zealand

David Spriggs, CEO, Infoxchange

Ary Laufer, Executive Strategy, Quality and Partnerships, WISE Employment

Brendan Maher, NSW Zone Manager, Clontarf Foundation

Kerry McGrath, Director of Community Programs, Australian Red Cross

Dr Lisa O'Brien, CEO, The Smith Family

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 6 June at [Learn about Digital Springboard from Infoxchange and Google](#) Sydney

Sydney PC & Technology User Group invites you to

a special daytime meeting to be held on 24 July at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney in the Carmichael Room on Level 1 from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm.

Microsoft will be focusing on the brand new Windows 10 April Update, which is now available as a free download. New features include: Timeline, Nearby sharing, focus assist, new and improved Microsoft edge. You will enjoy "new experiences that help minimise distractions and make the most of every moment by saving you time. Our hope is that you'll have more time to do what matters most to you whether that's to create, play, work, or simply do what you love."

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