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***Our 20th
Conference!***

30 & 31 October

***Rydges world
Square Hotel
Sydney.***

***Registration is
now open!***

***Discount cost for
Club members
and Seniors
Card holders***

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Adult Learners Week is an international celebration of lifelong and lifewide learning. Adult Learning Australia encourages us to use Adult Learners Week to reflect on our own learning journey and investigate opportunities to "take the next step". Visit the Adult Learners Week Website for more information.



<https://ala.asn.au/adult-learners-week/>

The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) is a non-profit international institute of UNESCO. The Institute undertakes research, capacity-building, networking and publication on lifelong learning with a focus on adult and continuing education, literacy and non-formal basic education. Its publications are a valuable resource for educational researchers, planners, policymakers and practitioners. The third Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE III) comes out as the international community works towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. By showing the important contribution that adult learning and education can make across many sectors of society. This report will provide a valuable tool to advance the new global agenda

ASCCA participated in the conference organised by Gender and Education Office (GEO) of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) in Montevideo - Uruguay, in June 2008. Nan Bosler attended as the Adult Learning Australia Ambassador. This meeting was an opportunity for women from around the world who work in Youth and Adult Education to get together, embark on an analysis and define strategies for the



participation of GEO at the Sixth UNESCO International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) in Brazil in May 2009.

Gender inequality was and is one of the major concerns; the majority (63%) of adults with low literacy skills are women. Education is vital for human rights and dignity, and is a force for empowerment. In November 2015, at the 38th UNESCO General Conference, Member States adopted the revision of the Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education (1976). Entitled the 'Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education (2015)', this revision will guide the expansion of equitable learning opportunities for youth and adults on a global scale.

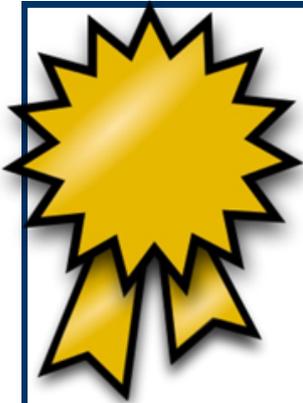
ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

1-8 September - Adult Learners Week 2018
 9-13 October Stay Smart Online Week, Australia-wide
 15-21 October - Get Online Week – the UK's biggest digital inclusion campaign, now in Australia
 30 -31 October 2018 - 20th Australian Technology Conference for Seniors, Rydges World Square Hotel, Sydney.

20th Australian Technology Conference For Seniors

Mark these important dates in your diary and watch for details of speakers as they are announced. Registrations are open! Add your name. You won't want to miss this special event. More details on www.ascca.org.au

30 October, 3.30pm, Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association AGM, Rydges World Square Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney.



Whilst celebrating our 20th Australian Technology Conference for Seniors, it is fitting that we pay tribute to the many *Volunteers* who have dedicated many hours of their retirement to helping our fellow Senior Citizens with their Digital Literacy skills. We thank the Presidents of our Clubs, their Officers and Committee members. We thank, in particular, the Trainer Coordinators and their Trainers who spend countless hours on our worthy cause. Our thousands of Trainers are the most valuable asset we have. Many of them have contributed by taking over 2,000, and many over 3,000, One-on-One one-hour sessions with students. That is the equivalent of one or two man or woman years of their retirement. We would like to hear anecdotes from our Trainers about how many One-on-One sessions you have taken and the experience and enjoyment you have received from doing so.

What motivates you to keep going? What satisfaction do you gain from doing this? We expect to recognize all of you as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary Conference.

Get Online Week 2018 will take place during the week of 15-21 October!



Last year Get Online Week hosted 4,000 events across the UK and this year the campaign is going global! If you would like to be part of the largest digital inclusion campaign in the world, register your interest to stay informed about Get Online Week.

You can now [register to get involved in Get Online Week](https://www.beconnectednetwork.org.au/be-connected-network/apply-for-a-grant). By registering, you will be provided with support including event ideas, social media templates and more! In addition, to help the Be Connected Network to participate in this campaign there is an offer for all Network Partners to apply for a Get Online Week Event grant of \$1,500 to host an event, promote your organisation and reach new people in your community, <https://www.beconnectednetwork.org.au/be-connected-network/apply-for-a-grant>

20th Australian Technology Conference For Seniors



Will you help us celebrate ?

This year ASCCA marks twenty years of service to the Seniors of Australia. Our 20th conference will be held in Sydney at Rydges World Square Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney on 30 and 31 October 2018.

This relaxed conference provides an exciting atmosphere and an opportunity to meet with old friends, make new ones and absorb the excitement while enjoying the learning opportunities on offer.

It is designed to satisfy both the technically skilled and the beginner who still wonders what this technology is all about. It is also suitable for those who work with older Australians or perhaps you want to know more about what is on offer for seniors so that you can advise older family members.

There will be speakers who are expert in various fields of technology and include concurrent strands planned to cater for the different levels of computer interest and the many different mobile devices that we often prefer to use. Whether our speakers are technology experts, research scientists, family historians or prominent media presenters they all come with the desire to share the latest developments and pass on their knowledge with fun and an understanding of our interests. We have already confirmed speakers from Microsoft, Google and Apple.



How is this for a topic? *64 Shades of Grey Matter: Research on Video games and Ageing Well.* At your request we asked Professor Jeffrey Brand from Bond University to come back and he will tell us how video games have been the subject of intense scrutiny in recent years and a surprise finding is that video games are good for older adults. He is sure we will have fun looking at the research in this 20 minute game, 64 Shades of Grey Matter!

The conference website is about to go live and we will begin to add bio details for our speakers and expanded abstracts about the topic they will share with you.

The program has something for everyone! It is a wonderful venue and you will enjoy a sit-down lunch after selecting from a fabulous buffet. Full details, including special rates for ASCCA club members and Seniors Card Holders can be viewed at www.ascca.org.au or phone 02 9286 3871 to register.

NSW Seniors Festival will be held next year from 13 – 24 February 2019. Applications for funding to help with costs will close on 10 August 2018. For more details go to <https://seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/events/grant-program>

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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 - Nil; 21 - 40 members - \$118 Incl. GST; 41 - 100 members - \$180 Incl. GST; Over 100 members - \$310 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.



The recent announcement by Good Things Foundation naming two additional Western Australia recipients in the Capacity Builders Grant scheme was met by SWADE with some surprise. Our first partnership arrangement was with Linkwest, the State Peak Body representing Community Resource Centres and Neighbourhood Centres and we learned they were not only one of the successful applicants but their timeframe overlapped that of SWADE for 5 months, and targeted the same patch. Good Things Foundation, Be Connected had suggested that SWADE concentrate on the 50 or so Network Partners already registered in the program, and continue to work towards achieving 250 learners signed up for the online lessons. To this end Natika and Jenny have been making direct one on one follow up calls with organisations that have previously been contacted regarding taking part in the Be Connected program.

On a more positive note, the SWADE website has seen some new additions, thanks to Tik's technical wizardry. She's written and uploaded a new blog and embedded a You Tube video excerpt of one of Jen's inspirational sessions to provide some added interest.

<https://ascca-swade.weebly.com/news>

<https://ascca-swade.weebly.com/workshop-videos/inspiration-session>

On July 25th Be Connected held an Australia-wide video conference via Adobe Connect with 21 Capacity Builder grant recipients where each organisation gave a brief presentation outlining the content and direction of their individual projects. Also shared were hints and tips, successes and lessons learned during this first half of the program.

We extend a big welcome to new ASCCA Club at Carnamah that has emerged out of North Midlands Project. Richelle Essers is the Project Development Officer and is keen to sign up learners in the Be Connected program as well as take advantage of the ASCCA tutorials. Tik and Jenny will be providing support along the way.