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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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20th Australian Technology Conference For Seniors

Will you help us celebrate ?

It is time to reserve your spot for the much anticipated annual technology event for seniors. It is hard to realise that this is our 20th conference – yes we have grown from a one day seminar to a two day national conference and according to participants each one is a little better than the last! If you haven't attended one before then join with your colleagues and **be there** to celebrate our 20th!

The conference will be held at Rydges World Square Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney on 30 and 31 October, 2018!

ASCCA is keen to identify and respond to the needs of seniors to empower and enhance their use of technology. The Conference will provide participants with the opportunity to hear speakers who are experts in various fields of technology and include concurrent strands planned to cater for the different levels of computer interest, the many different mobile devices that we often prefer to use and other topics of interest. Whether our speakers are technology experts from rival companies, research scientists 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 most of our speakers and as they send us their bio details they are added to the list of speakers on the conference website, www.ascca.org.au

This relaxed conference provides an exciting atmosphere and an opportunity to meet with old friends, make new friends 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 seniors or perhaps you want to know more about what is on offer for seniors so that you can advise older family members.

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

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

1-8 September - Adult Learners Week 2018

9-13 October Stay Smart Online Week, Australia-wide

15 - 21 October , International Digital Inclusion Week

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.

30 October, 4.00pm, Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association AGM, Rydges World Square Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Be ready for 2019

5 February - Safer Internet Day 2019

13 - 24 February—NSW Seniors Festival

Cybercrime is one of the fastest growing threats facing Australians - from individuals and small to medium enterprises, to big business and government. We must try to reverse the trend of cybercrime. To do that, we all need to unite and take action to educate and empower Australia to stay smart online.

This year, Stay Smart Online Week will launch a new initiative to bring cybercrime out of the shadows and put cyber security in the national spotlight.

"Reverse the Threat Online" is their plan to fight back against the cybercriminals and educate the public to apply simple cyber-sense and protect themselves online.

They plan to reverse their website and social pages from colour to black and white for Stay Smart Online Week (8-14 October) to draw attention to the dark side of the internet and demonstrate their mission to reverse the threat of cybercrime. Put those dates in your club's calendar and start talking to your teams about how you can get involved. Please contact **Emily.Walker2@cyber.gov.au** to let them know how you plan to get involved.

"Together, we can reverse the threat of cybercrime."

2018 Tech Savvy Seniors Regional Road Show

The second leg of the 2018 Tech Savvy Seniors Regional Road Show will kick off on the Central Coast on Monday 29 October and then head north stopping in Taree, Wingham, Hallidays Point, Armidale, Uralla, Grafton, Maclean, Lismore and Tweed Heads.

Each visit will be an opportunity for seniors to participate in digital skills training in areas such as social media, email, smartphones, tablets and much more.

The Tech Savvy Seniors program is run by the NSW Government in partnership with Telstra. For more information on the Tech Savvy Seniors program visit the website. If you would like more information on the road show, please contact Clayton Smithwick on (02) 8753 9321 or **clayton.smithwick@facs.nsw.gov.au**

Central Coast Club celebrates Twenty years of service

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast celebrated 20 years of service to the Community on August 15th. The Club was founded on 15th May 1998, registered, and commenced operations on Monday 27th July 1998. President Stephen George thanked "Our founding Fathers & Mothers for their foresight into forming a Computer Club for the benefit of all Seniors." Foundation President Jan Swindells was in attendance as was the former 1998 Gosford City Council Mayor, Chris Holstein, now Deputy Mayor of Central Coast Council. Alwyn Stuckey represented ASCCA, telling the audience, a total of 46 attendees, a brief history of how we were formed.

By the end of the First year of our Clubs existence Membership had reached 162. Current Membership is 125 and over the 20 year period, 2059 people have passed through our Club for an education. Our Club is and remains the only Club in the Central Coast region to provide structured learning formats for its Member-ship at an affordable price. We are still the cheapest, and the best. We need Members attendances to our classes to survive in the long term.

The Cake was cut by President Stephen, Foundation President Jan Swindells and ASCCA Secretary Alwyn Stuckey (representing Nan Bosler & ASCCA) who were told to push hard on the knife as the Cake was 20 years old. My sense of humour, but no one left. All in attendance had a good time and left very happy with the event. I thank our Tu-tors for their commitment to the Club and the Committee past and present for their ef-forts in bringing this event to the success if was.

Thank you President Stephen for the story and to Official Photographer Sydney Fabri for the photos.

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Tue 30 & Wed 31 October 2018

Rydges World Square Pitt St Sydney

Brought to you by ASCCA

The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association.

This year we celebrate our 20th Anniversary of helping seniors learn how to use digital technology.

Speakers from global technology giants such as Microsoft, Google and Apple.

The Conference includes a restaurant buffet lunch on each day as well as morning teas.

For more information go to:
Website www.ascca.org.au
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We have been able to attract some exciting speakers for out fabulous 20th conference. Here is a little about some of those speakers and their presentations.

Day 1, 30 October 2018

The Hon. Catherine Cusacik MLC will open the conference. She has been a Member of the NSW Legislative Council since 22 Mar 2003 and has been Parliamentary Secretary for Digital Inclusion since 31 Jan 2018

Charlie Brown is a Technology Commentator and he will bring Technical Trends and Products to our conference. When Charlie is not busy talking about the latest and greatest gadgets and innovations he is the founder of CN Media, which specialises in helping the world's best technology brands explain their latest innovations.

'Promote your Computer Club using social media', delivered by Digital Springboard and brought to you by Helena Bates, Community Engagement Coordinator, Infoxchange.
Learn how to build a brand tone of voice and target your Computer Club's key audiences using social media.

Notice of Annual General Meeting
The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of voting Members of the
Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, ASCCA,
will be held at Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney
on Tuesday, 30th October 2018 at 4.00pm
Annual reports and Election of Board Members

Day 2, 31 October 2018

Teresa Tsien, Honorary Consultant, Institute of Active Ageing and Department of Bio-Medical Engineering, Hong Kong Polytechnic University will tell about Active and Smart Ageing in Hong Kong.

Valerie Smets, Product & Account Manager, Widex Australia will talk about WIDEX EVOKE™ – The World's First Machine Learning Hearing Device. The latest technological breakthrough in hearing delivers real-time machine learning to users.

More information about the speakers at the 20th Australian Technology Conference for Seniors can be found on our website, **www.ascca.org.au**

Human Rights Commissioner Edward Santow is leading an Australian *Human Rights Commission Project exploring the impact of emerging technology. Commissioner Santow talks with the* **Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association** *about protecting our rights in an era of rapid technological change.*

Emerging technologies are becoming a part of life, should we embrace them without question, be selective or be afraid?

ES: Technologies may be used for good or ill. That's as true of old technology, like a knife, as it is for new technology, like artificial intelligence. There is no doubt we will continue to see new innovations continue to emerge and affect our lives in different ways. We want to encourage people to embrace the positive, and reasonably question and be sceptical of applications of technologies that compromise our human rights and values. A robust and protective framework that works to prevent dangerous design and use will assist the community to be able to embrace the positive aspects of technology and not be fearful.

Seniors computer clubs rarely use desktop computers, a majority of members want to learn how to use emerging technology such as iPad and tablets and smartphones. But what of more invasive technology?

ES: The Internet of Things (IoT) is rapidly growing. The IoT is any device with an on and off switch that can be connected to the internet and send and receive data. Not long ago, only classic desktop computers met this description. Now your phone, watch, tablet or even kitchen appliance can be connected to the internet. This can make some parts of our lives more   convenient – you can work anywhere, order your shopping on your phone etc. But do we want to be connected to the internet 24/7 and through everyday devices? And where does all of this data go and who has access to it? As with many questions posed by emerging technologies, we also have to ask ourselves what kind of society we want to be. We want technology to serve us - not the other way around.

What about inclusive technologies for people with disability?

ES: Just as everyone should be able to access our education system, public transport and buildings, technology also should be accessible to all. If technology is increasingly the main gateway to participate in the core elements of individual and community life, this gateway must accommodate all members of the Australian community, regardless of disability, race, religion, gender or other characteristic.

As part of the Human Rights and Technology Project, the Commission is exploring how to encourage the design, development and implementation of accessible technology. We are examining strategies like industry measures that promote accessibility; government standards; education and awareness raising; procurement policies that set minimum standards for accessibility in large organisations and government; and institutional bodies that monitor and enforce accessible and inclusive technology.

What about the impact of social media on free speech and democracy?

ES: Freedom of expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, is an important human right that must be protected and promoted. It is, however, subject to restrictions, such as the rights and reputations of others, national security and public order. This is especially the case when applied to the ubiquitous world of social media and the internet. Social media can provide opportunities for people to seek and receive information and ideas in vast quantities. But social media also brings new risks that others' rights will be infringed. It is essential that the right to freedom of expression is maintained on these platforms, with necessary measures that restrict violation of others' human rights.

For more information visit **tech.humanrights.gov.au**

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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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Further news on the second half of SWADE's project for Be Connected, being delivered on behalf of Good Things Foundation confirmed that communication sorts out just about everything.

A joint video conference between GTF BC in Sydney, SWADE's Natika in Kununurra, ASCCA's Jenny from Walpole who stopped off at Manjimup CRC en route to Perth and Linkwest's CEO Jane Chilcott in Perth allowed for a most amicable arrangement to be negotiated and agreed to. The result will see ASCCA SWADE continue in the same manner and direction to the end of our contract. The start date for Linkwest's similar program delivery will be delayed until 1st November. Both organisations will use November as the transition period of handover. Jenny stated after the video linkup that the outcome demonstrated the firm bond already established between the two peak bodies, with Linkwest being the first partnership formed by SWADE at the outset of their Be Connected program delivery.

For several weeks during August and September Natika is taking a well earned break and is taking a lightning tour, with her husband, around the USA. Considering she is such a techno-head she has with her all manner of technological devices, to deal with any contingency on their travels. Her iPad is loaded with the latest travel Apps and her iPhone has a special SIM card that allows for unlimited phone and data access in the USA as well as providing a facility where family and friends can phone her at no charge. I'm sure she will return with many ideas she can share with us all.
So, while she's away I have been holding the ASCCA_SWADE fort pretty much single handedly, and I've been thankful things are a little quiet in this the wettest and coldest month of the year here in WA. On the drawing board for the first week in September is a video conferencing session under Train the Trainer where I will deliver an interactive tutorial in preparing a Powerpoint electronic presentation and saving it as an MP4 video format, able to be played, via a USB memory stick on any equipment that has a USB port—TV, Computer, even an Apple TV. The Powerpoint program has seen great advances after Office 2010 and congratulations to Microsoft for providing the functions that beat the old method of having to convert the movie files.

On a final note, we are pleased to confirm that ASCCA-SWADE is well on track to attain its committed goal of registering 250 learners in the Be Connected program.