20th Australian Technology Conference For Seniors

We celebrated!!!

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We have a new logo!

Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association

ASCCA

The ASCCA new brand was created based on our history, values and missions. The core of the organisation is to empower and give Seniors the tools and technology support that are necessary to boost social networking, improve knowledge, skills and to access information by using education, encouragement and support through technology.

The ASSCA core brand logo symbolises tutoring and interaction between peers, a computer-like shape that spreads knowledge, transforming into an ever growing sprout.

It's colours Purple-blue evokes wisdom, the green reflects the history of ASCCA and brings a freshness incorporating a technology feel to the brand.

Technology to Belong: This strapline evokes technology training as the core business coupled with a strong sense to belong to feel part of a learning community.

And, the other tagline, Empowering Australian Seniors through Technology is just what we do!

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

3 December - International Day of People with Disability

Be ready for 2019
5 February - Safer Internet Day 2019
13 - 24 February—NSW Seniors Festival

Let me introduce you to SPLASH. SPLASH is a new ASCCA initiative which was suggested by clubs on the Peninsula beaches north of Sydney and driven by Judy Elias. For many years the value of interacting with other clubs has been well known, ASCCA calls it A Club Cluster. SPLASH is a great opportunity to build a local cluster. SPLASH will not replace your own Club newsletter or the monthly ASCCA newsletter but will bring you up to date and include information about What's On. It will also help to **promote your club.** Your club's name can appear on the SPLASH banner and would be linked to your entry on the ASCCA website.

It will contain details of events, training, social activities; all opportunities for your club to consider. Has your club organised an event with an exciting speaker and would you welcome members of other clubs to also hear that speaker?

Then let SPLASH know and details will be shared. If one of the clubs within your cluster has organised an excellent training opportunity that would be of interest, and benefit your trainers then make sure your trainers receive their copy of SPLASH so they can plan to attend. I'm sure you get the idea. All the clubs in your cluster would be invited to add their events to the next issue of your local SPLASH.

To gain the most value from SPLASH it is essential that it is distributed to all of your members. I'm sure that your club has a contact list for all your members so it will be as simple as forwarding the latest version of SPLASH to that email list with a single click.

Each cluster would only need to select one person to receive items from the member clubs in your cluster. The items will be added by that selected one person to the SPLASH template and on completion click send at a date you decide. Each club just needs to send in details of their next event/s that will welcome members from other clubs – social or training. If there is a cost to attend, don't forget to add that detail. If your event is only for trainers just mark it as trainers only.

It is hoped that SPLASH will enhance and strengthen the work of your club by bringing options to your trainers and members. Start talking with other clubs in your area, why not invite them to your Christmas Party, so you will be ready to start when ASCCA sends out that template in January.

ACNC reduces red tape and upgrades their Website

From 1st October 2018, NSW Associations also registered as Charities with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) will no longer need to lodge their annual summary of financial affairs with the Department of Fair Trading or pay the annual lodgment fee.

Good news for many of our Clubs. See this link. Most other States have also reduced duplicated reporting. In the early days there was a lot of discussion about the ACNC reducing red tape. In fact, it did the opposite – it increased it because the ACNC   requirements came on top of and in duplication of the DFT reports. The reduction in red tape has been a long time coming but this is a welcome move.

Also, the Hon. Dr Gary Johns, the ACNC Commissioner, announced the new and improved ACNC website; faster, more reliable and more accessible for all users. He thanked us all for our patience as they have worked to implement the new and improved ACNC website, Charity Register and Charity Portal. This was launched 15th October.

ASCCA has been advocating these welcome changes for some years.

Thank you AUSOM for details of your 2018 Competitions

Our competition ran along the same lines as ASCCA had run in previous years. AUSOM ran competitions in Creative Writing, both pose and poetry; eight categories of Photography and two categories of Video, being mixed media story and still images story. The competition ran from the September 1st until October 31st.

Twenty members entered one or more items. There were six categories for our Creative Writing and nine members entered.

56 pictures were entered:-
In photo Journalism category there were ten entries
Photo Travel:- seven entries
Photo Portrait:- twelve entries
Photo Land/seascape:- eight entries
Photo Manmade/structural:- ten entries
Photo Animal(s):- nine entries
Photo Open:- nine entries

Each photographer was asked to nominate one of their pictures to be uploaded to our website for all members to be able to vote for the photo which they like best. There were fifteen pictures making up the art gallery.

The Video section created quite a bit of interest, there being 12 entries.

One of the photography entrants was
Street Art, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Congratulations for your initiative

20th Australian Technology Conference For Seniors

Our 20th Australian Technology Conference for Seniors not only marked 20 years of service to seniors but provided a platform on which we could celebrate all that we had achieved during those twenty years. We did it in style with a wonderful conference.
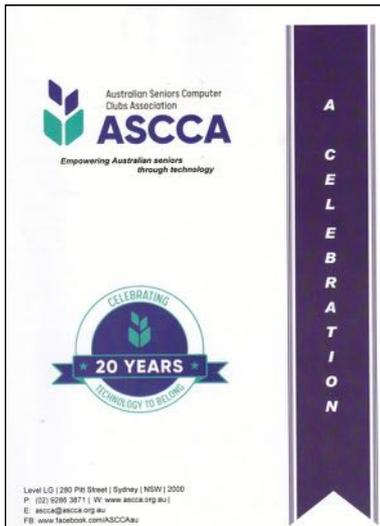
In the welcome bags conference participants from around Australia and overseas found a commemorative booklet created to record our rich history. It was written by Joan Craymer and Jennifer Willcox and printed by our Walpole Club in Western Australia. Our president said she was absolutely blown away by it and sincerely thanked them both.

President Nan Bosler was taken aback when her service to Australia's seniors was also acknowledged and eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant shared some of the story that she has shared with Nan for some 16 or those 20 years.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors and also thank our many volunteers for their ongoing support. For the first time all of our volunteers, including board members, were wearing special ASCCA shirts. It was exciting to introduce some different topics at this conference for both speakers and information stands. There were a wealth of speakers for participants to hear and we sincerely hope that you enjoyed the ambience of Rydges World Square as our venue. We are most grateful to our speakers for sharing their knowledge and time with us. The conference provided opportunities to learn from our speakers, exchange ideas with other clubs and meet and greet friends old and new. We even found time to present some Certificates of Appreciation.

We not only celebrated our past; we also revealed a little of the future of ASCCA.

ASCCA Board for 2018—2019
**Nan Bosler OAM, President   Jennifer Willcox, Vice President
Bill Soper, Treasurer
John Jakovcevic, Director   Allan Mikkelsen, Director   David Num, Director**

ASCCA has been extremely fortunate to have had Nan at its helm for the last 20 years, providing such strong continuity. Her strength of character, vast experience, supreme passion and incredible foresight in grasping opportunities for ASCCA and the Seniors of Australia has been a winning combination in so many projects and partnerships, and none more so than her vision for Western Australia. Ever since we met back in 2007 Nan has encouraged and supported me to help expand the number of affiliated Clubs in WA, which I had willingly done within the realms of my limited time availability, until I semi-retired from full time employ-ment.

In August 2017 Nan's antennae were up again when yet another opportunity came knocking at ASCCA's door and the SWADE seed was sown and grown. The first task in the SWADE portfolio was to seek funding from Department of Social Services via Good Things Foundation in delivering the program that replaced Broadband for Seniors, called Be Connected.   The submission outlined the details of this truly state of the art high tech project delivery - totally live and online and spread across the   entire State of Western Australia. Connecting every West Australian online.

As they say in the classics, the rest is history!

From the time that ASCCA was advised it was the first organisation in Australia to be awarded the Capacity Builders grant, the SWADE project team hit the ground running and to be perfectly honest it has pretty much ruled all our lives ever since.   Nan was the guiding light and anchor with Acting Treasurer extraordinaire, Jim Parker crunching the financial numbers. The West Australian contingent comprises Natika Hawes-Wright from Kununurra and myself. Tik was contracted to be the front face of SWADE in delivering Be Connected and I was the ASCCA Director in Western Australia appointed to oversee the project, ensuring all the i's were dotted and t's were crossed in regard to reporting commitments, sharing online meetings with other Capacity Builders and Good Things Foundation / Be Connected and such like, but also supporting and working in unison with Tik.

December was used as the preparatory period in compiling and putting into effect all the formal arrangements —agreements, contracts, Action Plan, Budget, Roles and Responsibilities as well as the establishment of online services and agreements of BeingThere video conferencing, Mail Chimp, Survey Monkey, 10 to 8, Weebly website, Blogs and Facebook. It was also a time of forming new partnerships and becoming reacquainted with old ones, all preparatory to the big launch come January.

Initially, we had a blank slate to some extent, with a project to deliver entirely online, breaking new ground on most fronts. We had the Action Plan as a guide, but these things are often written when most aspects of a project are still hypothetical.   Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but is never around when you need it! The reasoning that went into the Action Plan proved to be sound and the way forward was tackled methodically, resulting in successful outcomes right from the start.

Up to end June SWADE was on target to meet all contracted milestones and reports :

· Surveys were sent to 100 CRCs and about 50 Neighbourhood Centres.

· 10 various organisations were contacted since February in regard to SWADE project's Be

Continued:

SWADE · 29 Network Partners and 105 participants were signed up to end of June.

· 18 workshops were scheduled and held 14 of those as well as,

· 6 or so one on one sessions to support Network Partners, with topics ranging from how to use the BC portals, recruiting digital mentors, inspiration sessions and sharing challenges and successes for CRCs and NHCs to attend.

· There were 50 registered attendances representing 28 CRCs and 4 NHCs over the 14 workshops that were held.

· This equates to 30 hours of preparation, testing and delivery of these capacity building workshops, and there have been about 20 hours of one on one support and information sessions to centres.

· Calls from individuals (as a result of the article in The Senior) resulted in around 12 contacts with individuals and groups, assist them in finding a Neighbourhood Centre or CRC to access this support.

There have been a variety of highs and lows, adaptations, two steps forward and one step back, but we are getting there—and we have formed a great working relationship with everyone who has been a part of the journey so far.   **Jenny Willcox, Director for Western Australia**

This year as we acknowledge **the Centenary of the First World War Armistice** let us consider its evolution into what we now know as Remembrance Day.

The Battle of Amiens in August 1918 used tanks and new tactics, tested by General Monash during the previous month. The Germans were forced to retreat to the Hindenburg Line. The Australian Corps combined with two American Divisions, broke the Hindenburg Line in early October. Worn out, the defeated Germans asked for an armistice.

Early on the morning of 11 November 1918, two delegations boarded a railway carriage in the forest at Compiègne in France to sign the Armistice of World War One, the Armistice that was meant to end the 'War to End All Wars'

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. It became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. More than 330,000 Australians served overseas during the Great War. More than 60,000 of them had died.

The tradition of stopping at 11am started on the very first anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919.

In October 1919 Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African, suggested a period of silence on Armistice Day (now commonly known as Remembrance Day) in all the countries of the Empire.

On 6 November 1919, the King sent a special message to the people of the Commonwealth: *I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that Great Deliverance, and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it.* The King requested that *a complete suspension of all our normal activities* be observed for two minutes *at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month* so that *in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead*.

The tradition continues today.

The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day. During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. The sight of poppies on the battlefield at Ypres in 1915 moved Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write the poem In Flanders fields. **Lest we forget!**

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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.

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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1,350kms for Charity!

Bill Soper, is ASCCA'a Treasurer and President of Computer Pals in Turramurra. In addition to these activities he is a keen cyclist and about to set off on his greatest physical test yet on a bike.

In mid November Bill will be part of a small group of cyclists who have accepted the gruelling challenge to ride from Melbourne to Sydney to raise money for nominated charities. The ride will start in Melbourne on 11 November, and Bill will be the oldest participant of the ride group. The group will cycle some 1,350kms which will include a total vertical increase of over 16,000 metres as the group cycles through the Victorian Alps, the Snowy Mountains and the Southern Highlands before arriving in Sydney at Observatory Hill on November 18th. As part of his preparation for the ride Bill has been cycling over 300 kms per week over the last few weeks.
The charities that Bill will be cycling for are:

Movember – for men's health
Orange Sky – mobile laundry for the homeless, and
Bike NSW Environmental Fund - to advocate for a healthier life-styles and less reliance on carbon fuels.

If you would like to sponsor Bill on his ride you can do so by going to the link below;

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What do you plan to do to mark Safer Internet Day?