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Australia's got Talent

The world's biggest Talent Show is coming to a town near you!

They are looking for those who have a talent to share, a message to spread, a dream to achieve or even those who just want to give something a go!

This series will celebrate gifted people from a range of backgrounds.

To register for the Australia's Got Talent auditions visit

www.australiagottalent.com.au

Are you a talented senior?



EXPO: Thursday 14 & Friday 15 February
Hall 4,
Exhibition Centre,
International Convention Centre

The NSW Seniors Festival Expo is an annual free and fun event, featuring over 50 exhibitors, live stage entertainment and plenty of games and giveaways, doors open from 9.00am.

When you are at the Expo don't forget to visit Stand 2 and meet some of the ASCCA volunteers.

For one night only, join those attending the NSW Seniors Festival Expo for a special evening with Australian veterinary legend, Dr Harry Cooper, as he reflects on his career highlight and life as a senior. Plus, Rock 'n' Roll music favourite, Lonnie Lee will perform off the back of his performances at the Premier's Gala Concerts. An evening at the Expo will start 4.00pm, Thursday, 14 February.

Check the NSW Seniors Festival website to find events happening near you, <https://www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/events>

The following events were found in SPLASH, the What's On newsletter compiled by the Peninsula cluster of clubs:

All the Computer Pals clubs on the Peninsula have combined to showcase the topic **Technology - The Digital Age - past, present and future.** This event is being co-ordinated by Manly Computer Pals.

16 February, North Curl Curl Community Centre, 11am - 2.30pm. Listen to Tic, Toc, Tec for more details, https://youtu.be/vVP_SaC8Z9E

20 February, Lakeview Hall, Tramshed Arts & Community Centre, Narrabeen, 12 noon - 2.30 pm. Free but bookings required, 9984 0604.

Use Technology for Health, organised by Computer Pals for seniors Northern Beaches. Come along and discover useful Apps and Websites to help you manage a healthy lifestyle using technology. Join in with the online exercise program and other fun ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle. A lucky door prize together with a quick trivia quiz with small prizes will be part of the program. Afternoon tea will be provided.

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

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

Tour of NextDC Facility at Macquarie Park

Marilyn Holt, a member of Computer Pals for Seniors Turramurra (CPST), attended the ASCCA Annual Conference where she won a tour of the NextDC facility at Macquarie Park. Marilyn was able to bring with her a group to share the tour experience and she invited other CPST members who had attended the ASCCA Annual Conference and this group had a most informative and enjoyable time in the centre. The group learned about the significant security arrangements that are in place within the site and seeing this in practice as access (apart from normal requirements) included finger print identification. Consistent and reliable power supply is also critical to the smooth operation of the facility which includes back up power supply and fire risk mitigation processes. The tour was extremely well presented and thoroughly enjoyed by the CPST group.



CPST members from L to R; Juliette Golman, Dorothy Soper, Marilyn Holt, Bill Soper and Laraine Nicholls



5 February is very early in the calendar for most clubs but the 4Rs are valid for the whole year. See how you can weave these words, and thinking, into your program for the year:

RESPECT ... RESPONSIBILITY ... REASONING ... RESILIENCE

ASCCA was excited to locate one outstanding program being run on 5 February by Avalon Computer Pals for Seniors.

It is called **Lightning and Thunder** and it will be held at Newport Community Centre, 11-13 The Boulevard, Newport Tuesday, 5 February at 1.30pm It is free!

In front of your eyes a Windows 10 laptop will be infected with viruses, malware and even ransomware. Learn how to avoid it happening and how to recover if infected.

This will be followed by an information session on the courses being held during the term.

Free afternoon tea.



Happy New Year to you all from Western Australia! The SWADE team hopes that everyone has had a lovely break and the heatwave that has swept across the country throughout January hasn't been too challenging.

The SWADE team wound up the Be Connected project at the end of November and we are pleased to report that we exceeded our target of 250 West Australian learners in partnership with our Network Partners.

That didn't mean we stopped though, keen after our success in the West, Jenny has been quite busy with two projects over the break, mainly thanks to her tireless efforts and incredible drive and enthusiasm off the back of bringing the ASCCA benefits to the West!

As many of you would be aware, ASCCA handed the Be Connected reigns to Linkwest for WA's Community Resource and Neighbourhood Centres in November so they could build on ASCCA's foundations and hopefully encourage more West Aussies to embrace the opportunities technology and digital literacy affords them.

With that in mind ASCCA has formed a solid partnership with Linkwest which will continue supporting older people to access learning and mentoring no matter where they are.

Since Christmas, we have upgraded our SWADE website to include Linkwest's WA Regional Resource Connect (WARRC) project and expanded the functionality of the site. This week in an online, live webcast, Jenny, Natika (Tik) and Linkwest's Mihaela, launched the new and improved SWADE website.

The newly revamped site boasts the overview of how SWADE was born, how Linkwest aims to support new and existing Network Partners and are continuing to work in partnership with ASCCA throughout 2019 and beyond.

In addition to this exciting development, we also have some more exciting news regarding Be Connected, who were so pleased with the results of the SWADE project in 2018 that the decision was made, following a phone call from Mr Frank Linnett of Digital Inclusions Darwin, as well as a few calls to the team at Good Things Foundation, to apply for a second Capacity Builder's grant to continue the expansion of ASCCA into the Northern Territory!

Jenny was tasked with putting the project together and applying for ASCCA's second Capacity Builder's Grant, this time to support older Territorians. She got the news to say we'd been successful just before the Christmas break, which spurred a flurry of festive excitement and plenty to consider over the holidays.

Consequently the SWADE-NT Project began in mid-January, ASCCA has retained the services of Tik, who, having spent the last 17 years living in the Kimberley is no stranger to Territory conditions and has a good understanding of the challenges remote communities face when accessing services.

We had been successful in WA and as the Territory is smaller than WA, we began with the idea to roll this project out in a similar fashion to SWADE across WA, via our supported video conferencing platform, BeingThere.

The first phase is phoning our existing contacts, which include other successful NT Capacity Builders in Darwin and Alice Springs, and any new ones we can find.

Next Jenny and Tik have been planning a Territory "Road Trip" together with Nan in mid-March to meet with stakeholders and our potential new Network Partners to discuss how we can support them and ask what else they might need from us.



We are hopeful for a resurrection of the former Darwin ASCCA Club to encourage more older Territorians to embrace technology.



We are looking forward to sharing our stories and successes in the NT with you all over the next few months. Keep an eye out for SWADE-NT info on www.swade.org.au too!

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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.

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.

ASCCA membership rates:

1 - 20 members - Nil

21 - 40 members - \$118

41 - 100 members - \$180

Over 100 members - \$310

All prices quoted include GST
Corporate Membership also welcome.

If your club fits one of these 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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Newsletter

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Contributions are welcome.

Remember, this is **YOUR NEWSLETTER.**

Please take special note clubs outside Sydney and NSW. Please forward contributions by email to the editor.

An Ageing and Disability Commissioner for NSW

The NSW Government will establish an Ageing and Disability Commissioner from 1 July 2019, to better protect adults with disability and older people from abuse, neglect and exploitation in home and community settings.

The Commissioner will be a new, statutory authority that will strengthen Government's ability to respond to abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability and the elderly in home and community settings. Its key functions will include:

- Receiving, triaging and investigating allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Providing support to vulnerable adults and their families/carers during and following an investigation.
- Reporting and making recommendations to Government on systemic issues related to the abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults with disability and older people.
- Raising community awareness about abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults – including how to prevent, identify and respond to matters.
- Administering the Official Community Visitors program in relation to disability services and assisted boarding houses.

The focus of the Commissioner will be preventing abuse, neglect and exploitation in home and community settings. This is distinct from the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner and Aged Care Commission, which are responsible for safeguarding people receiving NDIS and aged care services.

The establishment of the Commissioner will be responsive to a number of reviews and inquiries which have highlighted the need for a new Public Advocate type body, to better respond to abuse, neglect and exploitation. For example, the Ombudsman's recent Special Report on abuse of vulnerable adults, the Law Reform Commission's Review of the Guardianship Act, the Parliamentary Inquiry into Elder Abuse and the Implementation of the NDIS in NSW inquiry. The name Ageing and Disability Commissioner has been chosen to speak more clearly to the community about its functions, and reflect its regulatory role.