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## 21 March is Harmony Day

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

The Festival was held from 13th February to 24th February. Reaching up to half a million seniors each year its the largest festival for seniors in the Southern Hemisphere. ASCCA has been involved with this celebration for some 20 years and many member clubs and Councils organise events to mark the Festival.



Kellie Britnell from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner spoke at Burwood about Staying Smart Online.

Curl Curl was the location for Manly Club's Tic Toc Tec event. Club shirts, Community Radio Station broadcasting the event, even the Geko Children's orchestra during the lunch break. All five seniors computer clubs from the Peninsula cluster participated.



Then club shirts appeared again at the Dee Why event which was also part of the overall program organised by Northern Beaches Council.



Computer Pals Northern Beaches explored Technology for Health. The function ended with exercise of a different type, Scottish Dancing.

A little was captured on video.



There is a link on Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches Facebook page to see that dancing.

There is more about the Festival on page 3.

# ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

21 March - Harmony Day

13 - 14 November - **ASCCA National Conference ! MARK YOUR DIARY NOW.**  
Rydges World Square

## Safer Internet Day, 5 February 2019

Safer Internet Day 2019 was launched on Tuesday 5 February 2019, at Clifton Hill Primary School in Melbourne.

AUSOM President John Sullivan (representing ASCCA) and Greg Davies, AUSOM Publicity Officer, attended this event. ASCCA and AUSOM promoted SID2019, applauding and supporting the initiative.



According to the eSafety Commissioner's media release:

"Today, millions of Australians are being empowered to spread online safety, with a record number of corporations, community groups, schools and sporting teams signed on to champion Safer Internet Day... hundreds of organisations [are] supporting this year's theme 'Together for a better internet' and encouraging the 4 Rs of online safety, respect, responsibility, resilience and reasoning. This unprecedented swell of support signifies a real cultural shift in Australia's commitment to promoting a safer online environment across our communities ... "

Speakers at the launch included: Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for Communications and the Arts; Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner; and Jade Hameister, a Melbourne teenager and polar explorer who, among other things, in 2016 became the youngest person ever to ski to the North Pole.

**Thank you AUSOM**

## ASCCA Digital Photography Competition returns for 2019

After being suspended in 2018 because of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, the competition returns in 2019. A change is that there will be a prize in each category for those who have not previously been awarded a prize in the ASCCA competitions. Categories for 2019 are shown below. Each entrant is permitted to present one photograph, taken after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, for entry in each category - a total of seven entries.

1. Photo Journalism
2. Photo Travel
3. People/Portrait
4. Landscape/Seascape
5. Landscape - Structural/Man made
6. Animal (s)
7. Open

Entries will close on 1 September 2019 with winners announced at the 2019 Conference in November. Full details will be announced in a future newsletter but start snapping or sorting existing photos NOW.

**Thank you Allan Mikkelsen from PC Users Group ACT**





Presented by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS), NSW Seniors Festival is designed to celebrate the role seniors play and the contributions they make to the NSW community. The Expo is an annual free and fun event, featuring over 60 exhibitors, live stage entertainment and plenty of games and giveaways.

For one night of the Expo Australian veterinary legend, Dr Harry Cooper, and Rock 'n' Roll music favourite Lonnie Lee performed at an evening at the Expo.



ASCCA handed out some 1500 flyers providing information about clubs near to where each senior lived. The areas where the greatest interest was shown included Bankstown, Blacktown, Castle Hill, Hurstville, Kogarah, Newcastle and Penrith. Do let us know if you get a lot of new enquiries.



ASCCA is looking for 3 Non Executive Directors willing to volunteer their time to contribute to Seniors in Technology. NEDs with Legal, IT and Marketing backgrounds preferred. Contact ASCCA at [ascca@ascca.org.au](mailto:ascca@ascca.org.au)

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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](http://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](http://www.ascca.org.au)

or email [office@ascca.org.au](mailto: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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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.



**Seniors West Australian Digital Expansion Northern Territory Project**

The plans are in place, arrangements made, the word is out, and time is ticking down for when the SWADE NT Team hits the ground running in its foray into Northern Territory. Scheduled for the week of 18th - 21st March presentations have been arranged for delivery over several workshops in both Darwin and Alice Springs. Invitations to potential Network Partners have been sent by an e-Newsletter, that opens up with a video clip, in keeping with the wholly digital project, ie all online. The entire program is planned around remote delivery, via the video conferencing platform supported by our Perth based partners, BeingThere. Gerry and Pam have been most supportive during the Round 1 phase of SWADE in Western Australia which helped to make that project so successful. WA Be Connected project has been inherited by peak body Linkwest, while SWADE NT will now focus on Northern Territory along similar lines.

ASCCA President Nan Bosler and SWADE NT Team Members Jenny Willcox and Natika Hawes-Wright are excited at the new project, which aims to assist in the establishment of additional ASCCA Clubs, as well as signing up Network Partner and learners in the Good Things Foundation, Be Connected program delivered on behalf of the Federal Government.

Certainly new ground to be broken and we look forward to working with new partners.



Wondering what in the world people use *LinkedIn* for? You may be surprised just how much you can get out of this popular business social network. According to Wikipedia

LinkedIn is a business and employment-oriented service that operates via websites and mobile apps. Founded on December 28th, 2002, and launched on May 5th, 2003, it is mainly used for professional networking, including employers posting jobs and job seekers posting their CVs.

ASCCA has recently established a presence on this popular social media and would appreciate support from our Network in helping to widen its reach, thereby increasing our brand and purpose to the wider community. Connect with us at - <https://www.linkedin.com/uas/login> It's free to join.