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### Volunteers

It is estimated that more than one million volunteer hours have been given by ASCCA and the network of ASCCA Clubs to the task of helping Australian Seniors to learn to use forms of technology.

Has your club kept a record of the hours your volunteers have given?

**Volunteers are needed!  
Volunteers are valued!**

ASCCA is seeking volunteers to assist with various events and programs which are held for the benefit of clubs and their members.

There is also a vacancy for a volunteer Grants Officer. Assistance would be appreciated, do you have the time and skills to become part of the ASCCA team.

**Volunteers aren't paid – not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.**

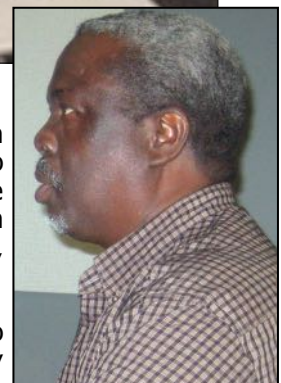


Since our very first SWADE NT road trip in March, when Nan, Jen and Tik first met Edhor (Edward) De Solo, the Chairman of the African Community Council of the Northern Territory, we have been working closely with him in building the capacity of the Council and supporting them to seek funding to get Be Connected up and running for their members.

The African Community Council of the NT is a council consisting of and representing the various African community groups in the Northern Territory, many of whom have members only recently having migrated to Australia.

Edward has worked tirelessly to secure the Be Connected grants and learn how to help his community members and representatives in supporting and training their older people, to embrace technology safely and confidently, many of whom have had little to no exposure to technology during their younger days.

Edward secured the Activation Grant earlier in the year and has recently received the Community Engagement Grant to help spread the Be Connected word. He recently hosted a luncheon for the heads of the various African communities that make up the council in Darwin to encourage them to participate in the project within their communities.



Tik was in Darwin and attended the luncheon event in support of Edward and his efforts to encourage participation by other groups. She spoke to the group of eight representatives from a variety of African community groups in Darwin, including Togo, Congo and Liberia.

The meetup was a wonderful opportunity to spread the excitement and motivate a variety of community decision makers and influencers to embrace the funding opportunities Be Connected offers, as well as being a perfect time to showcase just what ASCCA has to offer to continue the love of learning and embracing technology past the Be Connected project.

# ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

17–25	August	Queensland Seniors Week - Celebrating a Queensland for all ages
1-8	September	Adult Learners Week
25	September	Members' Forum - Ways forward for Clubs. SMSA Building, 280 Pitt St, Sydney 10:00am
16	October	Get Online Week, SMSA Building, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney 10:00am
13-14	November	21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors, Rydges World Square Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney

The SWADE NSW Digital Mentoring project took off during the month of July with the attendance by President, Nan Bosler, Vice President, Jennifer Willcox, SWADE NSW's Trainer, Jean Martin and Anchor, Mary Beno at two Training and Meetup Days held in the city and hosted by Be Connected.



Time was spent afterwards in planning the finer details of the project going forward.

ASCCA had sought the financial support by way of a successful grant application to Good Things Foundation, Be Connected Digital Mentoring program, as a means of responding to the feedback received from many member Clubs who stated that Trainers, Tutors were getting older, tired, worn out and lacking in new things to teach, plus there was a void behind them as others did not have the skills or confidence to take on this role in the Clubs.

The Be Connected Digital Mentoring training provides participants with the motivation to learn delivery of this skills based project. It is a certificated program, being a full one day training with two hours follow up mentoring six weeks after completion, which will hold those people who undertake the program in good stead to go back to their Clubs and deliver the Be Connected program through the learning portal, as well as mentor participants in other clubs or deliver the ASCCA based tutorials.

This method of empowering additional mentors allows for the spread of knowledge to be more widespread providing greater support to the learners, and paving the way for "Life after Lessons" activities that are far more interesting than basic lessons—Family History, Life Stories, Share the Shoebox type of projects that can be fulfilling past-time activities and a form of legacy one leaves for ones family.

Further, ASCCA has partnered with Square One Skills, a Club recently formed by Sydney Uni students whose volunteers will be the first group to undertake the Mentor Training prior to delivering 600 volunteers hours to seniors groups, initially into Lifestyle and Retirement Villages.

ASCCA's Nan Bosler, a long time advocate of seniors and technology, is sure this new slant on the learning journey, will be viewed by the Clubs as a valuable tool, provided by the Federal Government and available free for the benefit of all Australians seeking to learn technology skills.

## How to Grow your Club

In response to queries from clubs asking for suggestions on how to grow their club, ASCCA will be holding a Members' Forum in the Carmichael Room at SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney on 25 September.

**This Forum has been funded by a donation from Sydney Water.**



There will be Tea and coffee while you register from 9.30am with the forum commencing at 10am. The SWADE NSW capacity builders grant, dealing with Digital Mentoring will be launched by SWADE Manager and ASCCA's Vice President, Jenny Willcox via video conferencing. Digital Mentoring and video conference are hot current topics! We will be looking at topics such as programing, getting new members and trainers and SPLASH, a cluster newsletter concept. Club members attending will be doing most of the talking! A panel of five club members will be invited to take five minutes to unpack one aspect that has worked for their club. After they speak the floor will be opened up for questions to the panel. Should your club be one of the 5 presenters? Contact [asca@asca.org.au](mailto:asca@asca.org.au) with your suggested topic please. At the end of the panel session there will be plenty of time allowed for comments/suggestions from the floor. ***This really is a forum.***

A light lunch will be served at 1.00pm and it is suggested that you take the opportunity until 2pm to network with other clubs attending.



## Australian Access Awards launched with free nomination process

The Centre for Accessibility has launched Australia's first Access Awards to showcase great work in the digital access space. Award categories include websites and apps across government, education, not-for-profit and corporate sectors. All nominations also provide an opportunity to recommend a person or organisation that has done particularly good work in furthering the cause of digital access. The nomination process is free so please self-nominate or nominate other websites and apps that you believe deserve recognition. Full details can be found at <http://www.accessibility.org.au/awards/>.

[Australian Access Awards 2019 Call For Nominations](#) celebrate best practice by nominating your favourite accessible Australian website or app. It's free!

Keep up with digital access news by following [@scotthollier on Twitter](#) and subscribing to [Scott's newsletter](#).

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## I wonder who my Ancestors were?

The enthusiasm and skills of a newly formed 'Family History Friday' group at Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches is already leading to exciting discoveries. This group has been actively training their own Volunteer Trainers to use family history programs purchased with funds provided by the Northern Beaches Council. They are working collaboratively in the exciting journey of tracking down elusive ancestors and learning about their lives and times. Proudly they tell of tracking down some truly "Royal Blood" and famous ancestors as well as having located the birth records of an 86 year old student who was adopted soon after birth.



Audrey Jackson, much to her delight and with the help and research skills of Computer Pals NB trainers Selina and Brian, discovered at the age of 86 the name of her birth mother and found her original birth certificate. Through research via Consulate information, Audrey found that her birth mother had been born in Japan and she was born in England in 1933, and adopted not long after birth. Audrey's adoptive parents were an extremely well established family with distant connections to her birth mother's family and they took Audrey to live in Bermuda, Singapore and then Durban, South Africa. Audrey came to Australia in 1951, and started work as an 'Air hostess' from 1956 to 1960 flying in DC3's. When she joined Computer Pals Northern Beaches she was unaware of her birth name or anything of her birth parents. This great discovery is all thanks to the enthusiasm and skills of the newly formed 'Family History Friday' group, in Computer Pals NB.

'So,' she comments, 'I now know that on both my blood line and my adoptive line I'm delighted to have gained a bit of the blarney!'

## Digital Photography Competition Update

Details of the 2019 ASCCA Digital Photography Competition including entry guidelines are now on the ASCCA website—<https://www.ascca.org.au>

Entry is normally only via email but if this proves to be a problem, entries can be loaded on the web (in Google Photos or similar) and the URL and covering information sent to the entry address [photocomp@pcug.org.au](mailto:photocomp@pcug.org.au) Entries can be submitted any time between now and the closing date of 1st September, 2019.



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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)  
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.

**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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**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.

## Digital Photography Competition Update

Entries for the 2019 competition are coming in. Please keep them coming as it is preferable that the email is not overloaded on the closing day.

A Canberra photographer has agreed to judge the competition but would prefer to remain anonymous until the judging is complete. Names will, of course, be revealed before the results are announced.

A query has been raised about "There will be at least one prize in each category for an entrant who has not won a prize in a previous ASCCA photo competition". Entrants who have not previously won a prize are eligible to win a prize in the standard competition, but if none are among the winners, there will be a prize for the best entry from a previous non-winner. It is always possible that all prizes in a category could go to entrants who have not previously won a prize. The objective is to encourage entries from 'new blood' and anyone discouraged by previous lack of success.

Remember, entries close on 1 September.

**eSafetynews SAFETY BY DESIGN** was recently launched and is a world leading initiative which aims to shift responsibility for user safety back onto technology organisations away from users themselves. It places the safety and rights of users at the centre of design, development and deployment of online products and services in order to create safer environments online.

While detailed consultation has been underway for almost a year, there is still much to be done. As the initiative progresses, eSafety continues to consult with domestic and international technology companies of all sizes, types and stages of maturity, to develop the tools and resources that will ensure user safety is embedded into the design, function and content of their services. We value input and enquiries.

For more about Safety by Design, please visit the website - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> or email [safetybydesign@esafety.gov.au](mailto:safetybydesign@esafety.gov.au).

**ASCCA**  
13 & 14 November 2019, Rydges World Square, Sydney. Mark your diary!  
**21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors**