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EXCERPT from The Tacoma News Tribune, April 11, 1953

PASADENA, - AP—The telephone of the future?

Mark R Sullivan, San Francisco, president and director of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., said in an address Thursday night :

"Just what form the future of telephone will take is, of course, pure speculation. Here is my prophecy :

"In its final development, the telephone will be carried about by the individual, perhaps as we carry a watch today. It probably will require no dial or equivalent, and I think the users will be able to see each other, if they want, as they talk.

"Who knows but what it may actually translate from one language to another?"

21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors

The 21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors organised by the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) was successfully held in November at Rydges World Square Hotel, Sydney. There were a few less people this year but it didn't make any difference to the comradery and learning opportunities that were enjoyed by those attending. Our thoughts and best wishes go, not only to those who couldn't get to the conference because they were coping with the devastating bush fires, but all who are involved. Do take care and keep safe.

Fabulous speakers maintained the interest of conference participants led by the wonderful introduction to the feast of speakers by Kathryn Greiner, AO, who opened the conference; what determination for the needs and rights of older Australians! Speakers wove a tapestry of information on technical issues, different facets of health, retirement, ergonomics, digital mentors, cyber security and even Smart Tec. You name it and it was probably there! There was absolutely no way of keeping up with the information provided for us by Charlie Brown and Alex Zaharov-Reutt!

Information stands, fabulous food and two extra special lucky door prizes, provided by Rob Kalka from Connecting Up Inc. and Mitch Seniors from HMD Global, that amazed the recipients. As usual, volunteers were the mainstay of the Conference. It would not have been the conference that it was without our generous sponsors and those fabulous volunteers.

We are most grateful for the encouragement and support offered by Australia Post, Google, Seniors Card, Telstra, NBN Co, Rydges World Square Hotel, NSW Trustee & Guardian, Darrell Lea and Stulz Australia. Thank you also to our Information stand holders; Accessible Telecoms - ACCAN; Chromebook - Google; PSK Financial Services; Australia Post; HMD Global; Connecting Up Inc,; Good Things Foundation, Be Connected.

If you didn't make it this year, be sure to come along next year! Too good to miss !!

MERRY *Christmas* HAPPY NEW YEAR

2019 - 2020

*Season's Greetings to all . . .
Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Joyful, Healthy and
Happy New Year*

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

3	December 2019	International Day for People with Disability
5	December 2019	International Volunteers Day
20	December 2019	ASCCA's office closes and will reopen on 6 January 2020
12-23	February 2020	NSW Seniors Festival

Your tech gift guide for the holiday season

Be smart and secure when choosing tech gifts for children and young people this year with the **eSafey Gift Guide**.

The Guide helps inform parents and carers about what to look out for with tech gifts and provides practical advice on how to stay safe, including setting strong passwords, turning off location settings and limiting the amount of personal information shared.

Check the safety of popular tech gifts like drones, smart toys, smartphones, tablets and even wearables for pets before making your purchases this holiday season.

ASCCA applauds each and every volunteer in the network of Seniors Computer Clubs.

International Volunteer Day is 5 December and this year the theme is *Volunteer for an Inclusive Future*. International Volunteer day mandated by the UN General Assembly is held each year on the same date. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organisations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values and to promote the work among their communities.

In 2001 the International Year of Volunteers was held and ASCCA asked clubs to nominate one of their volunteers to be recognised in a booklet that ASCCA produced. Of course ,that was a very big ask because all volunteers are an important element in the smooth running of any club. Needless to say many clubs nominated not one but several of their volunteers. Let me share a few of the reasons why these people were put forward.

"He has at all times encouraged all members of the committee and the club at large to put their best efforts into club growth and unity."

"He has a great sense of humour and is easygoing which is a big asset in dealing with members and the Council. He deserves a volunteer Award!"

"Whilst establishing and setting up of the club, Lesley worked tirelessly repairing, and programing the many PCs that had been begged, donated and borrowed. This selfless and never quit attitude normally took up most of her daylight hours and many times went well into the very early mornings!"

"She was in her element matching students with trainers and finding the right place for everyone."
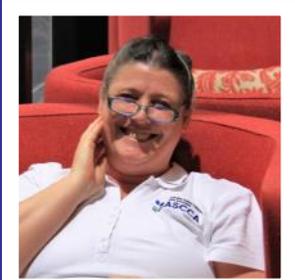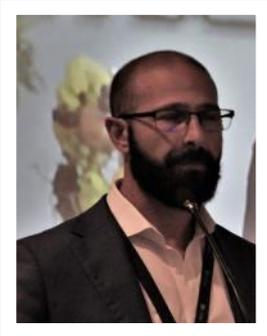
"Jan has carried out her responsibilities with a balanced combination of efficiency, dedication and personal charm. Her maintenance of financial records including banking and investment advice have played a significant role in the advance of the club from a small 'back room' group to a thriving organisation."

"Ted has been a member of the training team since we began in March 2000. He is one of those club essentials—a Mr Fixit—always there when he is needed. No fanfare, but always ready to pitch in at a moments notice."

Highlights of the 21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors

Photographs courtesy : Barry Keen

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.

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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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.

Merry Christmas

The Annual General Meeting of Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, chaired by past Treasurer, Jim Parker, was held at the end of Day 1 of the 21st Australian Technology Conference for Seniors, when all Reports of the past twelve months were presented.

The Returning Officer, Alan Craymer, announced the appointed Board of Directors for the forthcoming year as :

President	Nan Bosler
Vice President	Jennifer Willcox
Directors	John Jakovcevic
	Brett Levy
	Rene Bleedman
	Alex Zaharov-Reutt

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The positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed at a later time.
Nan welcomed the incoming Board, including the two new Directors, and said that she looked forward to a very productive year ahead.

Three Shades of SWADE

WA SWADE   NT SWADE   NSW SWADE

This was the catchy title of the session presented at the Conference by **ASCCA**'s Nan Bosler, Jennifer Willcox and Natika Hawes-Wright who separately gave an account of the year that was in regard to the various **SWADE** projects each is involved with and currently being undertaken in Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales.

WA has been concentrating on supporting the establishment of new **ASCCA** affiliated Clubs; NT is winding down its one year Community Capacity Building project in registering learners at a number of Network Partner organisations in the Be Connected program, with the bonus of the establishment of five new **ASCCA** affiliated Clubs; and NSW has begun its Capacity Building project in registering Digital Mentors within Network Partner organisations, again within the Be Connected program. The initial group who undertook the Digital Mentor training were students from various faculties of Sydney University who have formed Square One Skills Inc., to oversee the volunteer tutoring planned to be delivered into nominated Nursing Homes in the Sydney area. This program continues until June 2020 and plans are in place to pick up the pace in engaging people to be trained as Digital Mentors, within **ASCCA** affiliated Clubs and Retirement Villages. Watch this space, and open the door wide, when we come knocking!

Jess Wilson, National Director, Good Things Foundation Australia, outlined the various grant opportunities on offer to Network Partners and highlighted the benefits for these organisations to take advantage of the Be Connected on-line lessons available free to all senior learners who register.

SWADE—Seniors West Australian Digital Expansion, an ASCCA initiated concept.