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Mother's Day

Mothering has been done by many who are not biological mothers. The person who has adopted a child; the aunt or sister who has taken in a child of a relative to love and protect as her own; the stranger who has opened wide her arms and supported and loved a child. All of these and many more are truly mothers.

Mother's Day celebrations date back as far as the ancient Greeks where they would celebrate Rhea, the Mother of the Gods and Goddesses, every Spring with festivals of worship. The Romans also celebrated a mother goddess, Cybele, every March as far back as 250 BC. Mothering Sunday has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent in the UK and Ireland since the 16th century. The day had a firm following for many centuries. However, it was during the 1920s that Mother's Day became commercialized in the United States with card companies and florists marketing gifts.

By 1935 it started to decrease in popularity and was celebrated less and less in Europe until WWII. The Americans and Canadians celebrated Mother's Day during the war, feeling a crucial need to give thanks to their mothers whilst away at war. The British and the Europeans followed their comrades and they too gave thanks to their mothers. While Mother's Day initially began in Australia to promote peace and support women, over the years it has become far more personal and an occasion for family reunions. Happy Mother's Day to all who are Mums, Nannas and Grandmas and all those who took on the role of mothering when they were needed.



Special Get Well wishes to Nan ...

To dear Nan,
President of ASCCA ...

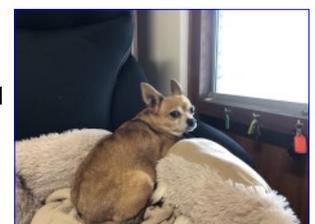
The ASCCA Board of Directors, Staff, Project Officers, Volunteers, affiliated Clubs and their committees and members along with numerous friends, partners and stakeholders send to you our very best wishes for a speedy recovery from your recent surgery.

With rest and less talking you'll soon be well enough to resume your place at the helm of ASCCA.

With our love and very best wishes.

Thank you Nan and Jenny and all at ASCCA for all you are doing to support Clubs like ours. It must be heartbreaking for little ones and grandparents to be separated. Thanks for the photo Nan. I remember when my son was born, underweight and needing special care, waiting 3 days to even touch him in the humidicrib. Things have progressed since then, thankfully. I'm "holding the fort" at Bunbury Seniors Computer Club, 5 days per week, together with JoeJoe Chihuahua, who guards the building and the keys. In addition to sending COVID-19 information and support services links to our 65 members, many of them have signed up for "Learn At Home" courses, which we are emailing, and even delivering if needed. Most popular courses are Windows 10 and Word 2016. We are also encouraging members to sign up to Skype, so they can chat to family and friends. Acting President Maureen Bowden is spending many hours researching a range of learning materials, as we are looking forward to the time our Members can gather together again at the Club, for learning, laughs and friendship.

Stay well and safe
Maureen Davies
SECRETARY



ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

Look Ahead! 10 & 11 November

22nd Australian Technology Conference for Seniors



ASCCA BOARD VACANCY

ASCCA is seeking to fill the position on its Board of Directors—Honorary Treasurer and is inviting expressions of interest, from those who are suitably qualified and experienced.

Treasurer :

The main responsibilities will be to ensure that ASCCA's current and future financial obligations are met, to identify strategic implications arising from the relevant financial reports and lead the Board of Directors in discussion of these implications and in conjunction with the President support ASCCA in ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities for the governance of the organisation.

At present ASCCA has an external Accountant so the level of day-to-day accounting responsibilities is limited.

If this position interests you, then please request a full JDF by contacting us at asca@asca.org.au



NBN Co creates \$150 million COVID-19 relief and assistance package to help keep Australia connected

As you may be aware, **NBN Co** has recently announced it will establish a \$150 million financial relief and assistance fund to help internet providers to support their residential and small and medium business customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The relief fund, created following a short industry consultation led by NBN Co, is aimed at helping internet providers connect low-income households with home schooling needs, supporting emergency and essential services, and assisting small and medium businesses and residential customers who are facing financial hardship.

The consultation involved more than 50 internet providers, government and consumer group Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and identified specific customer segments that require immediate support. **ASCCA was proud to be a part in this consultation process.**

How you can help

NBN Co would welcome all assistance in sharing this important information with stakeholders via all our combined communication channels and platforms.

The media release outlining the full details of the relief and assistance can be read by clicking [here](#). Everyone is encouraged to share the link to the COVID-19 **nbn** blog which is regularly updated with all of the latest **NBN Co** news and information as well as helpful tips and FAQs: www.nbn.com.au/workingfromhome

Additionally, **NBN Co** has launched a dedicated landing page detailing its response to COVID-19 and what it is doing to help Australia stay connected – it can be reached via the homepage of www.nbn.com.au

Please feel free to use and share these resources.

With NBN Co making these allowances to Internet Service Providers, ASCCA will soon bring you details of how the major ISP's plan to pass on those benefits to their customers.

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- Sydney Office is currently closed to the Public; the phone has been diverted to Staff who are working from home, so your call will continue to be dealt with promptly
- Training Officer, Jean Martin has established a Help Desk on (02) 9922 5408, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am–5pm
- Board of Directors meet remotely on a regular basis to ensure Clubs are updated on the latest digital resources and opportunities



In these trying times, Connecting Up is committed to helping the not-for-profit sector through technology, which is our core mission.

We have created a web page full of free or cheap resources to help ease the transition to remote working for charities and not-for-profits. [Click here](#) to see the full list, but here are some noteworthy entries we think will be particularly helpful for ASCCA members:

Video calls, remote training tools:

[Zoom](#) for video calls and remote training

[Microsoft Teams](#) for video calls, remote training, file sharing, and collaboration

[LogMeIn Emergency Remote Work Kit](#) for webinars, group training sessions, and remote PC access

Cloud Storage and file sharing:

[Box](#) – designed for organisations

[Dropbox](#) – designed for individuals

Instant messaging apps:

[Slack](#) – easy to use instant messaging and simple file sharing to keep everyone connected and amused

[Google Hangouts](#) – great for text and video chat

Antivirus:

[ESET](#) – enterprise-grade security at bargain basement prices

Emergency assistance:

[Ask Izzy](#) – quickly find food, shelter, and other essential services through a web app

For South Australian organisations, use [SAcommunity](#)

There are many more tools available through Connecting Up. Membership with us is free and we can get you access to all the offers you are entitled to in a matter of days. If you need help getting started, contact us:

Phone **1300 731 844**

Email customer@connectingup.org



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FOR AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Our friends at Apple have advised that with all their retail stores currently closed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, their staff are working from home, like most of us.

Apple's prime Genius Bar staff have kindly extended to ASCCA and its' members an opportunity to be part of the Seniors Buddy Program under the staff Benevity initiative. Sixty lucky ASCCA Club members will be selected to take part in the offer of one hour tuition sessions on a variety of Apple functions, apps and technical assistance. Naturally access to an Apple device is essential for this remote assistance by the experts!

Watch out next week for a special mail out when we will outline all the details !!

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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.

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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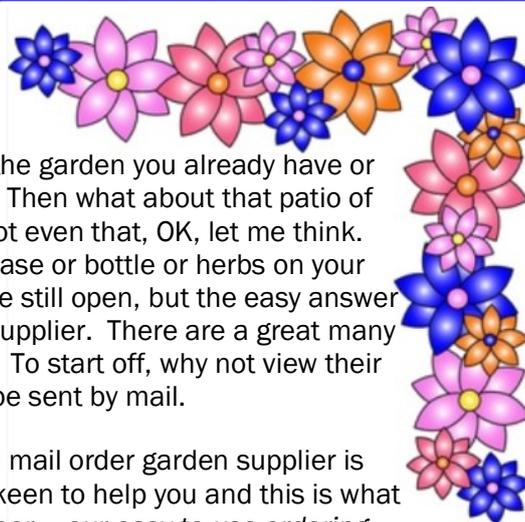
Contributions are welcome. Remember, this is **YOUR NEWSLETTER**.

Please take special note clubs outside Sydney and NSW.

Please forward contributions by email to the editor.



Do you have a garden?



Maybe you can find time to refresh the garden you already have or begin one from scratch. No space! Then what about that patio of yours, ideal for a garden in pots. Not even that, OK, let me think. What about growing hyacinths in a vase or bottle or herbs on your windowsill? Most garden centres are still open, but the easy answer is get your supplies from an online supplier. There are a great many but here are the details for just two. To start off, why not view their catalogue online or order a copy to be sent by mail.

One of Australia's largest online and mail order garden supplier is Garden Express Australia. They are keen to help you and this is what they say: *From our garden to your door – our easy to use ordering system takes all the fuss out of planning your garden.*

The beauty of Garden Express is that you will find all of your garden needs in one location. Their range includes flowering bulbs, landscaping trees, shrubs and ground covers, indoor plants, bonsais and succulents, roses and edible produce plants and seeds (according to the seasons) plus quality gardening tools and accessories. Garden Express offers a huge selection across all varieties and across all seasons, that caters for all garden types, be it a small patio garden, all the way through to sprawling parkland.

<https://www.gardenexpress.com.au/>

Another excellent online treasure trove of garden products is Tesselaar Plants & Flowers Online, <https://www.tesselaar.net.au/>

The Tesselaar family has been trialling and testing garden plants for more than 70 years, to ensure they only offer you the most 'Garden Worthy' plants; plants that grow and perform well in your garden.



Shades of SWADE

With the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions in place, the SWADE team working in both NT and NSW has used this past month as a productive time to re-address the delivery of their respective Be Connected programs. While SWADE NT is well experienced with remote delivery, additional considerations were required to be dealt with in order to put in place a workable plan, including loan equipment, register, software, remote support, arrangements to engage Mentors, etc. But, now it's May we are all set to continue!



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