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**WELCOME NEW CLUBS**

The ASCCA team is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Brisbane Seniors Online—from Brisbane, naturally—and the William Langford Community Centre from Langford in Western Australia.

**ACAP - Active Aging Consortium Asia Pacific**

Members of the Asia Pacific Active Aging Consortium share and exchange opinions across countries and regions, learning and cooperating with each other through the experiences and practices of each country. Among a few of the countries represented include USA, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and, of course, Australia and New Zealand.

Through necessity, caused by COVID 19, recent meetings and webinars have been held via Zoom. It has been interesting to learn how other countries are coping and dealing with the effects of the Pandemic.

ASCCA's President, Nan Bosler, has been a member of ACAP for around the last eight years and during this time she has attended a number of Congresses in the region. Some representatives from other countries have, in turn, been guest speakers at a number of Annual ASSCA Conferences.

The last webinar, right, included a presentation by Nan of how Australia is dealing with the crisis.



**Adult Learners' Week**

Adult Learners' Week takes place in the first week of September each year. It is an international event embodied in the 1997 Hamburg Declaration on Adult Learning, to which Australia is a signatory.

Adult Learners' Week promotes life-long learning, which can support improved workforce participation and productivity for adults through increased participation in education and training. It is celebrated through activities that raise awareness of adult education and promote participation in further learning.

The Adult Learners' Week national presence aligns with the priorities for adult learning and education outlined in the 2008 Ministerial Declaration on Adult Community Education. This Declaration acknowledges the role of the Adult and Community Education sector in the provision of vocationally focused education and training; fostering skills development and economic and community participation; and providing pathways to further education and training or employment.

Congratulations to all Seniors Computer Clubs for recognising the value of life long learning all year round!



The first celebration of Wattle Day in more than one state on the same day took place, on 1st September in 1910 in NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

And then with the First World War (1914-1918) and the desire to sell wattle sprigs to raise money for the troops overseas and later for maimed soldiers and women and children's charities, the date was changed to 1st August.

In 1992 as a unifying gesture for this particular celebration, the first day of spring - 1st September - was proclaimed by the Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, to be Australia's National Wattle Day.

Wattles have long had special meanings for Australians and in 1988 the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem.

# ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

Save the date for:

## Living Your Best Online Life

*The ASCCA Online Conference*

10th November 2020

### *A very warm welcome to two new Directors ...*

*Dr Scott Hollier*, CEO - Centre For Accessibility Australia



Dr Scott Hollier specialises in the field of digital accessibility and is the author of the book 'Outrunning the Night: a life journey of disability, determination and joy'. With a Ph.D. in Internet Studies and senior management experience across the not-for-profit, corporate and government sectors, Scott is an internationally-recognised researcher and speaker.

Scott's roles include CEO and co-founder for the Centre For Accessibility Australia, holds academic positions at Edith Cowan University and the University of South Australia, and is an Invited Expert for the W3C Accessible Platform Architectures Research Questions Task Force. In addition, Scott is legally blind and as such has both a professional and personal understanding of the importance of accessibility.

### *Susan Jensen*



Susan Jensen joined AUSOM in 1999 and was elected to its Committee of Management in 2001 where she learned the ropes over several years.

Susan is an Honorary Life Member of AUSOM, an honour awarded to her in 2012 for an awesome contribution over many years to all areas of AUSOM life, outstanding leadership as Honorary President 2009 to 2012, initiating the AUSOM Mornington Group, and, with Melbourne PC Users' Group, the Everything Apple SIG, along with many other administrative initiatives. She was also seconded to a Taskforce charged with future structure and planning towards 2023.

Susan is an Apple Ambassador, a position she has held since 2003. She only uses Apple hardware. She enjoys broadening her horizons and has been assisting in the training of members in the use of videoconferencing which became a necessity during the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Get involved in Get Online Week 2020

*If the last few months have taught us anything, it's how vital digital skills are to our wellbeing and safety, and yet 2.5 million people in Australia are not online.*



Good Things Foundation's annual digital inclusion campaign, **Get Online Week**, is coming back on 19-25 October 2020. We're proud to be supporting the campaign and share the message that '**Now's the time to get online!**'

Community organisations around Australia are invited to get involved in Get Online Week by holding either online or COVID-Safe face-to-face events for people with low digital skills, depending on the public gathering restrictions and health advice in their location. Get Online Week Event grants will be made available to organisations in the Be Connected Network to support them to host an event. **Applications close on 9th September.**

For more info— [www.getonlineweek.com](http://www.getonlineweek.com) or Good Things Foundation ☎ (02) 9051 9292.



## Shades of SWADE

The SWADE team has been busily working through the last few months, with a variety of projects on the boil. Jen and Tik are currently working on no less than six active Be Connected projects for SWADE and have recently been successful in applying for funding for Round 6 Capacity Building projects in the NT and WA. This is thanks to their Telecentre days, where they learned to grasp every opportunity to apply for grants possible!

The SWADE Team, under the overall management of Director, Jennifer Willcox now consists of Mark Young—NSW, Ursula Lyons—NT, Natika Hawes-Wright and Linda Beard—WA. A growing team, doing great things!

### SWADE NT

Ursula has been on a road trip to Katherine while Tik has been coaching the Digital Mentors (East Arnhem Library staff) from the February DM training in Darwin, via Video Conference each week since restrictions eased in the NT. She's now starting to see a few learners brave enough to come to the Libraries and talk to the nerd (Tik's words!) on the Library computer screen!



September sees the official start for Round 6 projects. In the NT we are seeking out potential new ASCCA Clubs and training more Digital Mentors to facilitate those groups as well as maintaining ASCCA's support for the library staff and their learners in communities in East Arnhem Land.



### SWADE WA

In Western Australia we're excited to be working in partnership with long time Be Connected partner Linkwest, to support two new to Be Connected peak bodies (Men's Sheds WA and the CWA of WA associations) to help them increase digital literacy and confidence among their member sheds and branches throughout the State! This four peak body partnership is a very exciting opportunity for ASCCA and Tik and Jen are looking forward to seeing Men's Sheds and CWA Branches joining ASCCA as a result!

To provide more hands on deck, the services of Linda Beard have been secured. Linda, like Jen, hails from Walpole in Western Australia and is an ideal choice for Lead Digital Mentor in supporting Jen and Tik.

### SWADE NSW

#### A VIRTUAL TRIP TO NEWCASTLE

During August Mark had the pleasure of working with six mentors from Newcastle Club doing the free **Digital Mentoring: Helping your community Be Connected** course on 10 August 2020. This is the largest group he has worked with so far.

Over the last three months he made virtual visits to ASCCA clubs from Camperdown, Eastern Suburbs, Manly and Hunters Hill. Although these meetings were all done using the Zoom video conferencing system, Mark said it is great to interact with such a variety of people who range from new volunteers to people with extensive experience working with seniors. Many have backgrounds in technology, information management and education. All have a strong motivation to help others.

He'll soon be sending an email to all ASCCA clubs in NSW that have not yet been contacted that are also Be Connected Network Partners to provide an idea of what the free Digital Mentoring course involves and offer to run it for their trainers using Zoom.



If you are not sure if your club is a Be Connected Network Partner, check the map on this page: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/find-local-help>.

If you'd like more information, contact Mark on: [markyoung@ascca.org.au](mailto:markyoung@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)  
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

These fees are being waived for

the 2020-21 Financial year

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.



## MCP and 'rona!

Our club used the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to combine our **digital smart home devices** grant received from Northern Beaches Council with the 'rona restrictions. We introduced a new model of 1-on-1, face to face learning in the clubroom to comfortably ease our students into using their own devices mirrored

and cast to our clubs smart home devices. Our clubroom has now been remodelled as a showroom with workstations for all our members and visitors to showcase these new digital smart home devices. We quickly envisaged this innovative method of tuition as an opportunity to continue clubroom learning 1-on-1, face to face.

This innovative technology was introduced in Term 3, 2020 with a planned two wave revamp of our clubroom. We are ever so appreciative to the council for re-carpeting and freshly painting the clubroom, in the school holiday break, ready for our three new 1.5m

workstations for 1-on-1 tuition. These workstations would allow us to maintain the social distancing guidelines with a maximum 6 attendees at a time in our clubroom. The first week of Term 3, 2020 was a make or break trial! Would it work out? Would it be accepted by our tutors and students? With much amazement and relief we all discovered how quickly, easily and comfortably each pair on each workstation adapted. Wave 1, using this new office furniture and new equipment designed to accommodate 1-on-1 learning has now proven to be accepted as our new model for clubroom tuition. Wave 2, was introduced a couple of weeks later, trialling a funky new look and feel into the clubroom. We have been astounded at all the highly complimentary feedback.

Our club can now proudly showcase this new model of 1-on-1 learning in the same unrecognisable clubroom boasting the most friendly look and feel and up-to-date technology.

All of this could only have happened with the commitment, foresight, 'give it a go', 'let's do it and make it happen', positive attitude from our club members. I'm so truly, very proud of our club and this achievement. The BIGGEST thank you's.

Oh, and of course starting from way back in Term 2, 2020 we are still continuing to tutor 1-on-1 remotely, selecting the video conferencing platform of our students choice.



Judy Elias,  
President, Manly Computer Pals

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