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Congratulations to Sue Martin who was honoured today with an OAM. This is such well deserved recognition for her voluntary work with the Pittwater Community.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION Ms Susan Christine MARTIN, Avalon NSW 2107 For service to the community of Pittwater.

Sue Martin at the Narrabeen launch of the Australia Post Digital Mentor's Handbook.

Sue has a long list of community contributions, including Avalon Computer Pals trainer, since 2016.

ASCCA worked closely with Australia Post and organised trials for their Digital Discovery program. Anne Matthews from Northern Beaches and Nan Bosler attended a co-design workshop in Melbourne, and Sue Martin joined them at a follow up to that workshop, again in Melbourne, They also organised a Sydney based training workshop on Mentoring and launched the manual.

Sue has also been a presenter at an ASCCA conference.



Australia Day

Australia Day is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on 26 January, it marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at Sydney Cove by Governor Arthur Phillip. [Wikipedia](#) ASCCA respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 's continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

PETER'S PERFECT PICTURE ...

Peter's photographic skills were further acclaimed in their local paper, member Kathy Caddick advised us. "Berri Senior Citizens Club member Peter Cumic was recognised in a national photography competition late last year for his image of the Berri river front. Mr Cumic, who is also a member of the Riverland Camera Club, participated in the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) Digital Photography Competition and was highly commend in the landscape / seascape category." Peter encouraged others to join Seniors Clubs and participate in opportunities that arise.



Peter Cumic at the Berri Riverfront

Well done, Peter !



The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association President, Board of Directors, Staff, Project Officers and Volunteers extend to you all every good wish for a very happy New Year. Thankyou in advance for your continued support throughout 2021. We will remain connected, as always, and look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Hello everyone,

For those readers who did not meet me as a Presenter at the recent ASCCA Online Conference, I am Dr Scott Hollier, ASCCA Director—Accessibility and I will be bringing answers to your queries in each ASCCA Newsletter.



Dr. Scott Hollier

Given the first question from the ASCCA conference was about captions, I've started the column with a quick how-to for captioning a video so people hard of hearing can join in the great summer holiday videos from their grandchildren.

Adding captions to your videos with Amara

After my presentation on Digital Access, I was asked about how captions can be easily added to videos. It's a great question and something which can make a huge difference to people that may want to watch those videos of their families and grandchildren but have difficulty hearing the dialogue. With lots of home videos being created over the summer holidays and a lot of captioning tools of varying quality out there, I thought it'd be great to kick off this column by introducing you to a professional free captioning tool that can be used on any platform.

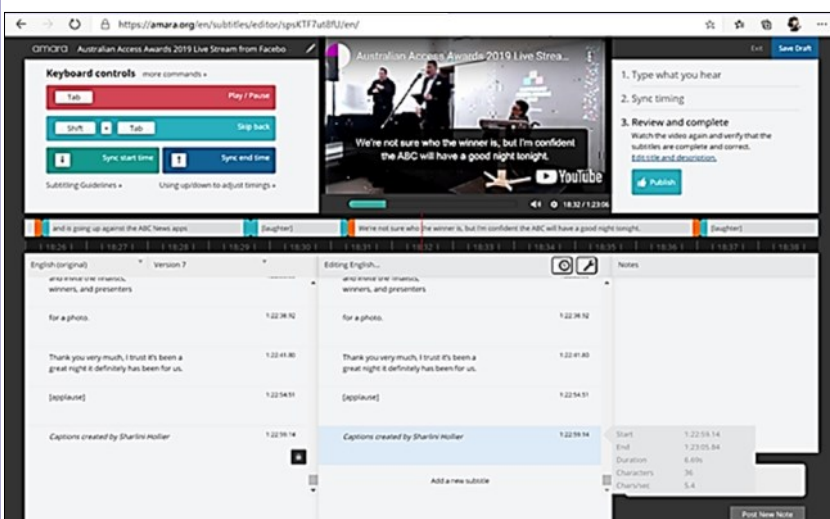
Amara is a free cloud-based tool that allows you to create captions for any online video. Once the captions are created, you can then play the video through Amara with your created captions, or download the captions to add them into your own video editing projects, YouTube or PowerPoint shows.

To get started, follow these steps:

1. Go to the Amara website at www.amara.org
2. Create a free Amara account
3. Log into your account.

4. Once you've logged in, you will have the option to enter a web address where your video is located. For example, you could enter the web address of a YouTube video that you've uploaded. Enter the web address of the video and it will appear on screen

5. Now you're ready to caption. Just set the language of your video and captions, most likely English for both, Play the video and start Typing what you hear. Amara will give you tips along the way as to how much text you can have in one box.



6. The next step will be to sync your text to the video. Amara will provide helpful tips along the way. Once you've finished, you can either provide people with a direct link to Amara to see the video with your captions, or you can download the caption file to add it to your own video project such as uploading it to YouTube. Amara will save your changes as you go so no need to finish a whole video in one sitting.

If this sounds like a great summer project for you or for someone to create captions for you, Amara provides an [excellent tutorial video to help you get started](#).

If you have any questions about this or anything else related to accessibility, send in your questions and we'll have them answered in this column. Contact ASCCA's Director—Accessibility, Scott Hollier by e-mail scotthollier@ascca.org.au

Cheers for now,
Scott

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

A very warm welcome is extended to **Serpentine Jarrahdale CRC, WA** that recently joined ASCCA.

We sincerely trust you and your members will gain much from being an ASCCA affiliated Club.

ASCCA CALENDAR

26	January	Australia Day
28	January	Data Privacy Day
9	February	Safer Internet Day
14-24	April	NSW Seniors Festival

ASCCA - SITUATION VACANT

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably competent people interested in joining the ASCCA Team in the role of Lead Digital Mentor / Tutor.

With the COVID Pandemic causing the closure of its' Learning Centre in Sydney CBC along with almost all Clubs, ASCCA's altered usual delivery mode being online, resulted in an overwhelming take-up of classes, by folk from all over Australia. Even if and when face to face classes resume, online learning is here to stay.

We are seeking the services of at least one additional Lead Digital Mentor / Tutor to help ease the load in New South Wales. ASCCA is also looking to further the Be Connected program in NSW.

If this paid position interests you, and you have the necessary skills and experience, please email your Resume to—ascca@ascca.org.au.

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 and keen to join our dynamic team.

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 financial 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 ascca@ascca.org.au

On 28th January it was **International Data Privacy day**, and as incidents of brute force attacks skyrocket and 80% of companies operate without password policies, cyber protection experts warn that “breaches in 2021 are poised to expose more data than ever”.

The cyber protection company, Acronis' newest warning is based on its research of recent cyber attack trends and existing business practices, noting that organisations around the world currently face a global threat to data privacy and security. 80% of companies do not have an established password policy. Between 15-20% of the passwords used in a business environment include the name of the company, making them easier to compromise.

Of the organisations that do have a password policy in place, the researchers found many rely on default passwords – and up to 50% of those are categorised as weak.

Attackers know these weak password practices are widespread and, with so many employees working from home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, cybercriminals have targeted the less secure systems of these remote workers..

So, make 9th February a meaningful Safer Internet Day and talk to everyone about Passwords !

Data Privacy
Day 2021



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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

These fees have been 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 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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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.



Shades of SWADE



SWADE WA

On January 14th, ASCCA's SWADE WA Project Officer, Linda Beard, delivered free Digital Mentor training at Bunbury's Milligan House to CWA representatives from Bunbury, Donnybrook and Rosa Glen.

Participants learnt about key Digital Mentor qualities, roles, hooks and bait for engaging learners using the Be Connected resources and grants. The key message being that supporting digital skills is not all about technical knowledge - you don't need to be a 'computer expert'. Being a Digital Mentor is more focused on being good with people. You need to have patience, enthusiasm, adaptability and be good at listening.

Linkwest, the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA), Men's Sheds of WA and CWA of WA have been engaging members and friends with free training so they can be a Digital Mentor in their communities. This training is being delivered at face-to-face sessions and online via zoom. To register to attend, simply go to the [Events - Linkwest](#) web page and search for a session that suits you—applies to WA only.

Funded by the Australian Federal Government, the Be Connected program aims at improving digital skills in older people. As part of the program we are offering FREE training to people interested in becoming Digital Mentors. As a Digital Mentor you will be able to deliver the program to people at your Centre, Shed, Group or CWA Branch.



Pictured left : Judith and Alison demonstrating actively mentoring online access on a smartphone.

Pictured above : The class of 9 Digital Mentors.

