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Wikipedia tells us that Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

To us Sunday, 25 April 2021 will be all that plus the remembrance and reverence marking the first landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli and is observed across both Australia and New Zealand by Dawn services, commemorative marches and remembrance services.

Make a note in your diaries so as not to miss ASCCA's 23rd Australian Technology Conference for Seniors—Online.

Last year was ASCCA's first ever Online Conference and didn't we set the bar high. The ASCCA Team has already begun planning to make this year's Online Conference so much bigger and better!
Tickets are already available to purchase online at -
https://events.humanitix.com/ascca-2021-conference

## *Congratulations, Nan !!*

ASCCA's Emeritus President, Nan Bosler, AM, was awarded the Wakehurst Local Woman of the Year Award on 1st March, 2021. The Media Release by The Hon Brad Hazzarrd, who nominated Nan, commended her on the achievement, acknowledging her extensive voluntary work over many years.

"Nan has made a tremendous contribution to our community over the past 50 plus years and continues to do so. She was the obvious choice for Local Woman of the Year in my electorate of Wakehurst", Mr Hazzard said.

She has served on various committees and advisory bodies and was a Seniors Week Ambassador from 2013 to 2015, using this platform to challenge prejudices associated with seniors.

Nan is perhaps best known for her desire to assist older people to use modern technology. She founded Australia Senior Computer Clubs Association in 1997. She served as the Association's President up to her retirement in 2020 and was subsequently appointed Emeritus President.

"Nan is an outstanding woman who is deserving of this recognition and I am very proud to have nominated her for this award", Mr Hazzard said.

*Dear Nan, The ASCCA team also sends its warm congratulations on a well deserved Award.*

## ASCCA's Newsletter Mailout ....

Did you wonder these past couple of months about where some of the emails were coming from? Or perhaps that we had forgotten to change email accounts?

Noooooooo. Emeritus President, Nan Bosler, AM, after her retirement as President, very kindly offered to continue to distribute Newsletters and special announcements on behalf of ASCCA. This task not only enables Nan to continue to be involved, albeit somewhat in the background, it provides a valuable and valued contribution to the organisation—and helps to share the load.

So, when you see an email from "nanbosler@ascca.org.au" rest assured it is coming directly from the lady herself. ASCCA created a unique email address especially for her. In her new role.

# NSW and QLD Floods ...

ASCCA sent a big shout out to all affiliated ASCCA Clubs that are located in the flood zones of New South Wales and Queensland, with the message — "Please know that you and your members are in our thoughts this week as you deal with yet another natural disaster on your doorsteps, especially those who have experienced high impact to homes and property and/or have been evacuated.
The entire ASCCA team sends to you all its' sincere wishes for quickly receding waters and a resumption of life close to what you enjoyed beforehand.
It will not be the same but know that we are with you in spirit and thinking of you in your plight.

For those not affected, perhaps you might consider a donation – cash or goods - to help people affected by the severe storms and flooding in New South Wales and Queensland through www.givit.org.au that is working in partnership with the NSW and QLD State Governments, and is managing donations during this recovery.

The need for support is not over by a long shot and donations are still encouraged!

# NSW Seniors Festival

## Free Tickets on line

Tickets for the 2021 concerts are available via Ticketek:
Online: www.ticketek.com.au/seniorsfestival

- Accessible Bookings:
  - Call:1300 130 613 (Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm)

Online request form
Tickets are free but bookings are required.

The date of Easter changes each year, and several other Christian festivals fix their dates by reference to Easter. Churches are filled with flowers, and there are special hymns and songs. But not all Easter customs are Christian; some, such as the Easter Bunny, are pagan in origin.

Easter usually brings us together with loved ones , but this year will still be different than most: In many states, government officials are advising that people limit social gatherings and stick to celebrating with their household only. Even though we may be physically apart on Easter Sunday, we can — and should — still find ways to safely connect with our communities, especially our religious ones, on such a special occasion.

You can experience Easter mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican from the comfort of your own home. Pope Francis will celebrate mass on Sunday, April 4 in Rome—check your own time zone. You can watch the whole service on the Vatican's website or through the Vatican Media Youtube Channel.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is among those who will broadcast to worshippers online over Easter. The service will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 and streamed on the Church of England's Facebook page and website.

*The spirit of Easter is all about Hope, Love and Joyful living. The ASCCA team wishes you all a .....*

Happy Easter

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*ASCCA respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' continuing connection to land, water and sky. We pay our respects to them, their cultures, and to their elders, past, present and emerging.*

## April 2021 Online Classes

**ASCCA is now calling for expressions of interest in April's online classes, designed especially for seniors.**

**Please click here to complete the form and submit your requests. Only submit one form.**
**A confirmation of your place in sessions will be sent early in the month.**

| FREE classes | | |
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| **Back to Basics – Q&A session**<br>Are you self-taught? Is Password Management bothering you? Does every task take too long? Does computer terminology prevent you finding answers online? This session is for you. Please come with your questions. | Wednesday 7th April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |
| **File and Folder Management**<br>Learn to use folders effectively so you can organize, save and find your files, as well as avoid creating multiple files by mistake. This session will focus on the many features of *File Explorer* (Windows) and its equivalent *Finder* (Apple). Windows 10 will be used for demonstrations.<br>Also, learn to back-up your files and folders to 'the cloud'. | Wednesday 21st April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |
| **LibreOffice suite**<br>This software suite is an alternative to the proprietary Microsoft Office. It forms a part of the Free Software Movement centred in EU. The suite includes apps for word processing, spreadsheets, drawing, presentations, and database management. | Thursday 29th April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |

| PAID classes $10 for current computer club members $20 for non-members<br>After your virtual place has been confirmed, please pay online via Humanitix | | |
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| **eBay & PayPal**<br>This session will introduce you to buying and selling safely online. You will see how to register for free eBay and PayPal accounts, how to list an item for sale, upload its photos, how auctions work, shortcuts for listing, the fees involved when an item is sold, and much more. | Monday 12th April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |
| **Google Photos**<br>A Google (@gmail) account gives you unlimited online storage for your photos but only until mid-2021. This facility can be used as a back-up. Learn about Google's image-analysis technology enabling you to type search-terms to locate particular images among your 1000s of photos. It also 'recognizes' faces and gathers them together. Google Photos allows sharing, collaborative albums and much more. | Wednesday 14th April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |
| **Spotify**<br>Learn how to use Spotify to listen to 50 million (music, podcast and audiobook) tracks for free. Users can search by artist, album, or genre, and can create playlists of personal favourites. The additional features of the paid subscription will be identified. | Monday 19th April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |
| **Understand & Organize Photos**<br>Learn about file formats for photos, resolution, simple editing, syncing your smartphone, cloud storage for photos, albums vs. folders, digitizing old prints using your smartphone, etc. How different apps handle photos will be demonstrated. | Monday 26th April | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AEST* |

* The logos in this table indicate which operating systems (Windows, Apple, Android, Linux) each session relates to.
* Time zones: 1:00 p.m. AEST (Qld, NSW, ACT, Vic, Tas) / 12:30 p.m. (SA, NT) / 11:00 a.m. (WA)

# CLUB NEWS

**Special thanks to Dick Bennett, Publicity Officer at BSOL Club who answered the call for contributions to our Club News—**

Brisbane Seniors Online has experienced some success in grants since July 2020 for advertising and also office equipment. Two sources of funding have been from the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Also a number of Brisbane City Councillors have been generous with funds from their individual Wards. We have two other applications pending from the Federal Government Stronger Communities program round 6 and the Kedron Wavell RSL Community Grants program in the pipeline and hope to hear soon if we have been successful in those. Another grant we hope to apply for from the RACQ is expected to open soon. There are a lot of opportunities for grants in South East Queensland and Greater Brisbane but there are also a lot of deserving applicants. Also writing successful applications is quite a skill and can be time consuming. Thank you again to Cr Jonathan Sri, Councillor for The Gabba Ward who supported a significant grant under the Lord Mayor's Community Fund to help buy a new Brother colour printer and scanner. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund round 106 generously provided $1605 towards the cost of a membership card printer to print professional membership cards. This is linked to the membership database so cards can be printed singly or in multiples.

BSOL
BRISBANE SENIORS ONLINE ASSOCIATION INC.

*Photo shows Brisbane Seniors Online computer specialist Mal Gamble installing the PPC ID150S printer.*

## It's time to plan (for us all) ..

ASCCA has long advocated that everyone needs to take positive action in having their affairs in order when preparing for retirement and after — one never knows what's around the corner!

Forward planning fall right into Clubs' mandate of supporting seniors particularly in providing tuition in digital skills to enable folk to do much of this groundwork themselves.
There have been great inroads within ASCCA; for example info sessions such as:

Nan with her Planning Ahead presentations; and
Jenny with her Taking Control of your own Hereafter, Digital Legacies

These sessions gave essential tools and resources to participants, enabling them to better understand the processes and empowering them to do it themselves, at little or no cost.

To build on these forward planning concepts, Special interest groups could be set up within Clubs to take these planning concepts forward together. No one knows better than you just what you have, want to happen. **But how do you take the leap from the what to the how? Enter PrimeTime** ....

**Primetime founder Peter Tyndall is offering free, "Train the Trainer" tuition for ASCCA affiliated Clubs.**
This would be "learning by doing" on the Primetime planning platform and trainers would be taught through having their own account to plan, use, and play with. They can then teach and support club members who want to use the platform.
**To register your interest contact Peter at support@primetime.net.au**

**Prime Time ...**
is so much more than an expensive, traditional financial plan managed by others. These scratch the surface and can become outdated and irrelevant over time. **Primetime empowers you** to plan, ensures all planning bases are covered, and stays up to date. Self-manage, get experts to help, or a combination of both. It's up to you. A plan you control without compromise.

Primetime is

An integrated, holistic online planning and management platform,

for consumers, advisors, organisations and community bodies,

who want to take control of, or empower others to manage their planning;

and need to stay up to date and ensure nothing slips through the cracks

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# ASCCA CALENDAR

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| 2-4 | April | Easter |
| 14-24 | April | NSW Seniors Festival |
| 25 | April | Anzac Day |
| 17-23 | May | National Volunteer Week |
| 9 | May | Mothers Day |
| 18-24 | Oct | Get on Line Week |
| 10 | Nov | ASCCA 23rd Australian Technology Conference for Seniors—Online |

# 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**

# ASCCA - SITUATIONS VACANT

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

**With online learning here to stay our Training Schedule has seen a fair degree of pressure in the huge uptake from all over Australia.**

We are seeking the services of Lead Digital Mentors / Tutors to help ease the load as well as continue to provide the Be Connected program in both NSW and NT.

If these paid positions interest you, and you have the necessary skills and experience, please email your Resume to—ascca@ascca.org.au.

Australian Government
Australian Signals Directorate

ACSC Australian Cyber Security Centre

*Multi-factor authentication for stronger cyber protection*

Australians are being urged to strengthen proof of identity protections to help stop cybercriminals gaining unauthorised access to online information and accounts.

Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Andrew Hastie MP, has warned that cybercriminals are always looking for new ways to steal money and personal data from Australians, and multi-factor authentication is an effective way to protect against these cyber threats.

Multi-factor authentication, or MFA, is a cyber security measure that requires two or more pieces of evidence to prove a person's identity to gain access to a device, online account or program.

Assistant Minister Hastie recently held a roundtable discussion with senior executives from Australia's banking sector who outlined the importance of multi-factor authentication in protecting their customers.

Hello everyone,

*Dr. Scott Hollier*

This month I thought I'd bring to you info on Apps to help with reading …
It's a common scenario: you are out at a café and want to order something, but the print on the menu is too small. Fortunately there's a number of Apps that can help by either magnifying the menu or it can even read out the menu to you. Here's a few of the most popular apps to help keep up with text in small print.

## iPhone

### Seeing AI

A great app to consider for the iPhone is Seeing AI. This app has been created by Microsoft and is free. The app is like a swiss army knife of features with one of them being a 'read aloud' feature. This allows you to hold your phone over text while your phone reads it out. It works surprisingly well and allows you to quickly find out the information you need.

### Magnifying Glass + Flashlight

There are many magnifier apps available, but one of the best is Magnifying Glass + Flashlight. This app also has a wealth of features but the one that works best is the magnifier which allows your iPhone to zoom into small text so you can read it. A great companion app when you want to read something that's just that bit too small.

Android

### Envision AI

Although Seeing AI is not available on Android, Envision AI fills in the gap by providing similar functionality to the iPhone App. This app contains a number of features including the ability to have text scanned and read out. There is a subscription fee for using Envision AI so it is worth keeping that in mind if you want to use it, but you can access a limited trial to see if it is helpful.

### Magnifying Glass + Flashlight

The Android version of the iPhone app that provides a great free tool to use your Android phone's camera to read small text. Includes a magnification feature and the ability to turn on the camera flash as a light when needed.

### Other helpful apps

Other apps that can help people with low vision include the free Eye-D, or the paid Eye-D Pro, which is available on both iPhone and Android. This is another app that provides a suite of features that can help people with low vision including a more accessible camera app and a beneficial feature that shows all the useful things that are close to your location such as shops and ATMs, then uses your Maps App to get you there. On the Android side there's also Google Lens which can be very helpful in identifying images and text.

Should you have any specific queries, please feel free to email them to me and I'll be happy to provide advice right here next month! Scott Hollier by e-mail scotthollier@ascca.org.au

Cheers for now, Scott

### 4 April 2021 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach
Sunday, 4 April 2021, **3:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to
Sunday, 4 April 2021, **2:00:00 am** local standard time instead.
Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 4 Apr 2021 than the day before.
There will be more light in the morning. Also called Fall Back and Winter Time.

From WA

**Note:** Only some parts of Australia use DST in 2021. There are 6 time zones in mainland Australia.



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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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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.

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## Shades of SWADE

The last month at the SWADE desk has been extremely productive for Tik, working on both WA and NT Be Connected, Capacity Building projects. Tik and Ursula have both been speaking with the team at Victoria Daly Regional Council in the NT since Get Online Week last year, and the Council has just applied for their first round of funding for a Be Connected pilot project to be held in their Library and recreation space at Pine Creek, just south of Darwin.

Last month Ursula made the hard decision to step down from her role within ASCCA's Be Connected project in the NT, due to her other work and study commitments. She worked hard in the Top End to promote the causes of ASCCA and Be Connected and will be sadly missed. Consequently, ASCCA is currently seeking someone based in the NT who might be interested in picking up some of her tasks.

Meanwhile in WA, our Four Peaks Partnership project is still on track, having hosted another Zoom session on the last Monday of March - and adding another six new Digital Mentors to the tally. Natika has been spending her time following up the Digital Mentors she's trained to see how they're tracking with their Be Connected projects.

Group photo above—l to r—Di Clausen - St Ives North Shore Lifestyle Village, Hazel Harris - Williams CRC, Nick Donovan (wants to volunteer), Michael Watkins (not in photos) and Emma Brent-White - Brockman House Neighbourhood Centre, Rutu Dabhi - City West Lotteries House.

get online week

Get Online Week will be held 18-24 October.
During that week, Good Things Foundation will be supporting community organisations all around the country to host fun, local events that inspire people to improve their digital skills. Put this date in your calendars and stay tuned for more news and updates on how you can get involved in the annual digital inclusion campaign.

Good Things Foundation Australia
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Every Australian online



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