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Greetings, again!

We've got so much to tell you that we decided not to wait and issue this interim edition of eNews now!

In fact, each fortnight leading up to ASCCA's 23rd Annual Technology Conference for Seniors, we will continue to do so, bringing you updates on Guest Speakers and topics that will surely be of interest to



those who register to attend.

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23rd Annual ASCCA Conference

BOOK NOW!



This year's theme is "Thriving online: make tech work for you!" and we've confirmed Charlie Brown, accessibility expert Greg Alchin, Judy Young on making music with GarageBand, and we're close to confirming speakers on cybersecurity, the NBN, the future, the connected home and plenty more.

Tickets are \$30 each, with the event to be held from 9am to 5.30pm AEDT on Wednesday 10 November, 2021.

Please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/ascca-2021-conference> and support the conference - we'll have more information in the October newsletter on the speakers, the agenda and more, but as with last year, it's going to be a great event!

Alex Zaharov-Reutt
Conference Convener

The conference runs between 9am to 4:30pm AEDT on Wednesday, 10 November 2021, with tickets available to buy here now.

<https://events.humanitix.com/ascca-2021-conference>

The AGM will be held between 4:30pm - 5:30pm

[Click Here to Download Conference Program](#)

SITUATION VACANT

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably experienced and skilled persons to provide a contracted, paid service to ASCCA, equal to two days per week.

We are looking for an administrative and organisational superstar to help us with admin support, grant writing, events, club support project management experience.



WE'RE HIRING
Come, Work with Us!

- Administration
- Project management
- Grant Writing
- Event Management
- Club Support

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The advertisement features a teal background with a white torn-paper effect. On the left, there is a photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop. On the right, there is a circular logo with a stylized plant icon. Below the logo is a white box containing a list of job responsibilities. The ASCCA logo is at the bottom left.

The ideal candidate will be proficient in a variety of technologies and able to work effectively in a remote team environment, and have excellent oral and written communications skills.

For more information and a detailed job description, please [email ascca@ascca.org.au](mailto:ascca@ascca.org.au)

Notice of Annual General Meeting



The twentieth Annual General Meeting of voting Members of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, ASCCA, the national peak body for seniors and technology, a company limited by guarantee to be held virtually via **Zoom at 4.30pm**

Wednesday 10th November 2021

ASCCA's 1 Hour Monthly Zoom!

Our first Zoom meeting was a big success, and you'll find a link this week at the top of the ASCCA home page that will take you to the recording of the first meeting, which has been uploaded to YouTube. Thank you to all those who attended the first meeting virtually via Zoom, and we welcome you to attend our second meeting!



We will have special guests, interesting tips and tricks, a look at the latest gadgets and more.

Look for the link to our second Zoom main meeting in the October newsletter, and check the ASCCA site later this week for the link to the first meeting, which will be on the home page, which you won't be able to miss.

Apple's Updates

Apple updates its operating systems twice in two



weeks - why you should upgrade to one or both!

On Monday September 13, Apple released iOS 14.8, iPadOS 14.8, watchOS 7.6.2 and macOS Big Sur 11.6.

These versions patched a security vulnerability that could allow a hacker to send you a file that could invisibly hack into your Apple devices.

However, on the Tuesday September 21, Apple will launch iOS 15, iPadOS 15, watchOS 8 and tvOS 15, with macOS 12 Monterey likely arriving sometime in October.

Not everyone wants to upgrade to a major new operating system the moment it is released - some people like to wait until 15.0.1 or even 15.1, so for those that aren't ready to jump straight Apple's latest and greatest operating systems, then you don't need to yet.

That said, the new operating systems for 2021 are fantastic - I've been using the beta versions for the last couple of months, and while the betas had some bugs, as you'd expect, I have enjoyed many of the new features.

So, if you don't upgrade yet, then it is worth doing within a month or so. You can learn more about iOS 15 here, <https://www.apple.com/au/ios/ios-15/> more about iPadOS 15 here, <https://www.apple.com/au/ipados/ipados-15/>, watchOS 8 here, <https://www.apple.com/au/watchos/watchos-8/> and macOS 12 Monterey here. <https://www.apple.com/au/macOS/monterey-preview/>

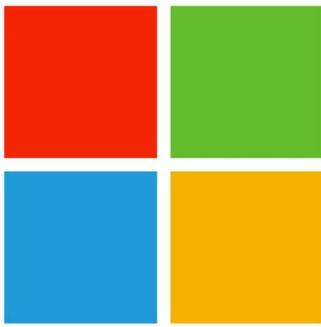
Alex Zaharov-Reutt

ASCCA Director - Promotions and Sponsorship

Windows Updates!

The latest Windows vulnerability - it really is time to upgrade Windows 7 to Windows 10

Are you still on Windows 7?



The latest vulnerability that can allow hackers to bypass security and instal malware on your computer may well convince you to upgrade to Windows 10, which is still free.

The Australian Cyber Security Centre, ACSC, has put out a warning about the latest Microsoft Windows vulnerability <https://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/view-all-content/alerts/remote-code-execution-vulnerability-present-windows-scripting-engine-microsoft-windows> which is present in all installation of Windows.

The ASCS notes the vulnerability, dubbed (CVE-2021-26435), <https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-26435> can allow "a cyber actor could use a maliciously crafted file to install malware. The file could potentially be in the form of a JScript or VBScript file either by itself or incorporated into a malicious Microsoft Office document. The malicious file would likely be used as part of a spearphishing campaign."

I checked my Windows 10 installation, and saw that the update had already been applied, but upon checking a friend's Windows 7 computer, no update appeared to be available in Windows Update, and no update had been applied.

Microsoft does make manually downloadable patches available for Windows 7 and up, <https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-26435> including server versions, but after downloading both the "monthly security update" and the "security update" only downloads for the 65-bit version of Windows, which were .MSU files, I had a problem installing them.



The Windows 7 computer I was checking said that a Windows updater needed updating, but when I clicked on the link manually download the file, I was told "file not found."

The option to open Windows Update opened up Internet Explorer, which isn't supported anymore, and so trying update this Windows 7 system didn't work.

However, the Windows 10 update is still free, despite Microsoft having suggested it would no longer be free.

So, it was long past time to upgrade this friend to Windows 10, which would solve the problem, and I download the Windows 10 Media Creation tool here. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/software-download/windows10ISO>

If you download this tool and run it, you can create a Windows 10 installation USB stick if you want, but you can also use the tool to upgrade your existing Windows 7, 8 or 8.1 computer to Windows 10.

Presumably Microsoft will still keep this tool around once Windows 11 is launched on October 5, but maybe they won't, so while it's still guaranteed to be available, unless you have some pressing need to stay on Windows 7, it's definitely time to upgrade.

Make sure you backup all your data, and if possible, make an image-based backup of your Windows installation so that you can restore it to exactly the way it is now with all your installed app, should you need to restore it.

Upgrading your existing Windows installation to Windows 10 also means you need to new installation key, because it is an upgrade.

It's also worth checking that your Windows 8, 8.1 or Windows 10 does have the update described in the Microsoft link above in its "update history" section, or that it is ready to download and be installed.

Membership Renewals



We would like to remind our members that your ASCCA membership for the 2021.22 Financial Year is now due.

We extend a warm welcome to those of you who have renewed already, and add a gentle reminder to those of you who may have missed your renewal.

As part of ASCCA's support to clubs we have invited and encouraged the use of the below logo to all outgoing correspondence.

This demonstrates your Club's affiliation with ASCCA, the national Peak Body empowering Australian seniors through Technology!

A member of  **ASCCA**, Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association

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.

If your organisation and/or club fits one of these categories and is 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, or -



As from 1st July 2021

ASCCA membership rates are :

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as at 30th June.

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