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Greetings to all

It was pleasing to receive lots of positive feedback from our interim eNews published mid month. Again, we have so much information to impart, this eNews is also jam packed full of relevant items of interest.



Top of the list of course is the upcoming ASCCA Online Conference, just a few short weeks' away. Have you purchased your ticket yet?

We've heard that a few Clubs are experiencing some difficulties in re-establishing themselves ready to resume face to face lessons. There are a few options where we can provide support, so please reach out to us and see if we can help.

Don't forget Sunday is the changeover to Daylight Saving time for some states.

Warm regards,
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23rd Annual ASCCA Conference update



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

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

AGM is to be held between 4:30pm - 5:30pm directly after the Conference.

Alex Zaharov-Reutt
Conference Convenor

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, is to be held virtually via

ZOOM at 4:30pm AEDST

Wednesday 10th November 2021

ASCCA Annual Photography Competition

Anticipation and excitement is boiling over! Currently we have 225 photos accepted from 8 clubs!

Our two judges are already working and we have some excellent photos. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Susan Jensen

ASCCA Director,

Competition Convenor



Be Connected Digital Mentor Training



ASCCA has been successful in securing another round of Be Connected Capacity Building funding and as such has committed to offer FREE training and support to 50 new Digital Mentors around Australia between now and next August. If your club is looking to recruit new Digital Mentors (trainers) or upskill or offer free refresher training to some of your existing trainers, or if you just want more information about what is Be Connected and why might you be interested in this opportunity, please send an email to [Natika](#) to set up a time for a video chat! She can talk to you about what is Be Connected, how it might work for your club, and what the training entails. There is no requirement for Digital Mentors to be attached to a club or a Be Connected network partner (though it would be preferred) - so if you have some young people who might benefit from learning how to inspire and support older digital learners, then

they're welcome too!



Be Connected
Every Australian online.

Digital Mentor training days have been set - and will be delivered by ZOOM ... full participation is required for the full day session. Please note this is listed in WESTERN STANDARD TIME and is open to anyone around Australia.

Friday 22nd October 8am - 3:30pm WST

OR

Wednesday 3rd November 8am - 3:30pm WST

To book your place you [can click here](#).

There are limited spaces, so please email through any enquiries as soon as possible. If you book and can no longer attend, please let us know so that we might offer your spot to others. There will be more sessions scheduled throughout the next 6 - 8 months.

Training will be delivered via Zoom, participants must have camera, mic, headset and a quiet space to work in with limited/no interruptions

Fully interactive participation is a requirement.

Park Study - assist a PHD student

Hello,

Hope you are keeping well and staying safe!

I am a PhD student at Deakin University. We are currently recruiting adults aged 65 years and over to take part in a research study investigating optimal park design for encouraging active and social use of parks. Participants are required to complete an online survey, to tell us about what design features they prefer in a park. We are interested in hearing from people with varied experiences and would like people who visit parks regularly as well as those

who do not usually visit parks to participate. Every participation will be a valuable addition to our research and the findings could lead to a greater public understanding of park design for older adults.

I would be very grateful if you could assist us by emailing the study details and survey link to members of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association. Participation in this survey is completely voluntary and all the responses will be kept confidential. After completing the survey, participants will get a chance to go into a draw to win one of five \$100 gift vouchers. It is anticipated that it will take about 30 minutes to complete the survey. I have also attached the study flyer along with this email for further details. This project has received Deakin University Ethics approval [HEAG-H 110_2021].

Here is the link to the online survey: <https://parkstudy.com>

I'd be very appreciative of any assistance you can provide.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to consider my request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Warm regards,

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Events - Training Calendar

October 2021 Online Classes

ASCCA is now calling for expressions-of-interest in October's online classes, designed for seniors.

[Please click here to complete the online form and submit your requests.](#) Please submit

only one form. A confirmation of your place in the classes will be sent around 1st October.

Note, daylight saving begins.



[Download the October Training Calendar Here](#)

Benefits of ASCCA Membership



There are many benefits for your club by being a member of ASCCA.

Did you know we have a membership offer for insurances available at a discounted rate?

ASCCA Members can access an Association Liability policy to cover member clubs that sign up for a variety of liability events. It specifically covers professional indemnity and directors and officers liability with cover up to \$1m per event.

At present, 14 of our members have this cover.

The cover runs to 22 Oct and Suzanne from our Brokers, **Websters** is presently in the process of chasing up declarations from about half of those that haven't as yet responded to earlier requests.

Suzanne has asked for responses by 4 October to enable pricing for the cover to be set. Anyone coming in after that could well miss out.

The cover costs \$300 - \$400 pa

[Download more information about this insurance](#)

Australian Cyber Week

About Australian Cyber Week 2021

Hosted by AustCyber, Australia's federally funded Cyber Security Industry Growth Centre, Australian Cyber Week provides opportunities for Australian cyber security and related organisations to showcase their capabilities and network with peers, potential investors and customers. In addition, it equips organisations across the economy, as well as cyber curious individuals, with the chance to better understand the depth of Australia's cyber security industry and key cyber security challenges facing the nation.

Australian Cyber Week 2021 is sponsored by Cybermerc, Secure Code Warrior, Snare, Tikabu, Penten and Avertro.

Event partners include CyRise, RSA Conference, OSINT Combine, Women Speak Cyber, GROK Academy, The Culture Shift Alliance, CISO Lens and AWSN.

Event details

25-29 October 2021

Cost:

- Early bird tickets: \$129 including GST until 30 September 2021
- Full priced tickets: \$145 including GST from 1 October 2021
- All events held on 29 October 2021 are free to attend

Ticketed inclusions:

- Full access to Circuit Board City including virtual events and workshops, networking, 1x cyber escape room experience, perks/deals and more. Also includes access to all in-person events in your state if lockdowns permit in-person events to go ahead

Websites

- Australian Cyber Week: www.cyberweek2021.austcyber.com
- AustCyber: www.austcyber.com

Australian Cyber Week 2021 packs a punch for cyber knowledge uplift

16 September 2021

Today, AustCyber announces the return of the annual [Australian Cyber Week](#), a

week-long series of events and activities, this year to be held from 25-29 October 2021.

The week combines virtual and in-person sessions to generate awareness about the Australian cyber security industry and showcase local innovation. It will also support increased understanding of cyber security by debating topical issues, risks and solutions, and facilitate national and global networking.

“Cyber Week 2021 is one of AustCyber’s flagship activities under our mission to grow a globally competitive Australian cyber security sector,” said Michelle Price, CEO of AustCyber. “Cyber Week helps to demystify the cyber security industry and connects Australian cyber capabilities with key domestic and international stakeholders who are contributing to the growth and success of the sector. This creates further opportunities to enhance future economic growth.”

In 2021, AustCyber is again utilising its virtual conference platform as the cornerstone infrastructure to deliver Australian Cyber Week, which features 100% Australian technology. The 3D ‘circuit board city’ is the gateway to daily live events and knowledge library of past events, as well as a networking hub and exhibition hall showcasing booths which feature sovereign products and services. Online events will be complemented by in-person events in South Australia and Western Australia, facilitated through AustCyber’s National Network of Cyber Security Innovation Nodes.

“Each day, Australian Cyber Week has a feature event to demonstrate our globally competitive cyber security ecosystem,” said Ms Price. “The range of speakers is broad – from CEOs of large corporates and venture capital investors, to ethical hackers, school students with a keen interest in cyber, and those in minority groups working within the sector.”

To underline the importance of digital trust in keeping our digital activity secure and resilient, during an event on 25 October, guest speakers will walk through a significant cyber-attack on Australia through a hypothetical situation that seeks to draw out complexities and considerations for all organisations. The equivalent event during last year’s Cyber Week was one of the most attended and attracted a range of domestic and international media interest.

With the workforce expected to grow by at least 7,000 over the next three years, experts from the ANU, University of Canberra, UNSW, Canberra Institute of Technology and industry will come together on 26 October to discuss career pathways, and upskilling and micro-credentialing a remote workforce.

Ten of Australia's most innovative companies will present pitches to the

audience during an event on 27 October, who will be able to invest fake dollars and vote for their favourite product or solution. The Tasmania Cyber Security Innovation Node is also running the online Big Cyber Ideas Challenge.

On 28 October, the key event will be a debate on the current state of procurement and policy as it relates to the emerging technology sectors within Australia. The host will ask the big questions of guests, with two teams - affirmative and negative - battling it out to highlight the opportunities, challenges and required actions to uplift procurement across the nation.

On 29 October, dubbed 'community day', Australian company OSINT Combine will facilitate an instructor-led full day of open source intelligence (OSINT) training for participants to learn open source fundamentals, searching essentials and cross platform social media network analysis. This will be useful training for the National Missing Persons Hackathon, which has been postponed until early 2022.

The week-long program will also see workshops hosted by DTEX Systems and Retrospect Labs, a clinic about cyber resilience for small businesses from Kangaroo Island, as well as panels on diversity and digital forensics. There are also a series of moments to facilitate networking, including new online platform features that allow participants and panellists to communicate and exchange details. In a new feature of the line-up, online cyber escape room sessions will allow participants to immerse themselves in an Australian cyber-attack scenario, as they solve problems to escape a hypothetical Special Operations Command Centre.

For more information about Australian Cyber Week 2021, visit www.cyberweek2021.austcyber.com.

AUSOM Roadshow on ZOOM!

AUSOM are taking their annual roadshow online!

We are advertising this initiative with the 'AUSOM Roadshow' advert.

Originally (2010), some AUSOM members visited Shepparton to hold an AUSOM meeting. It was a great success. When attempting to repeat the idea a couple of years later the logistics and cost prevented the idea from going ahead. Our online AUSOM meetings now provide an ideal opportunity to invite

visitors from around Australia to join us at our Main Meeting.

For a start we are hoping to distribute the AUSOM Roadshow advert to our U3A and ASCCA friends in a reciprocal arrangement. In turn we will inform you of the events they are holding that may be of interest to you, e.g. the ASCCA Competitions and their National Conference.

AUSOM Member Alex Zaharov-Reutt has started a monthly ASCCA Zoom meeting in Sydney. Being a multi-platform user Alex features Apple, Windows and Android products with a slight bias towards Windows. It's a fun show and recordings can be found on the ASCCA website. I think some of our AUSOM members who use Windows and Android devices would enjoy the meeting.

Although I am strongly biased towards Apple I found the meeting very interesting and definitely worth attending — not only because Alex allowed me to make a plug for the AUSOM Roadshow. I actually learned a bit about Apple and Windows products as well, and was glad to see that Windows 11 will be much closer to Apple in looks and icons, and will soon be more user-friendly for my Windows-loving friends.

Committee has a lot going on as well. As AUSOM members you'll know that for the past few years CoM has been focussing on our ambitions for 'AUSOM Towards2023'. Now we are taking another step forward. Committee wants to spread the word about AUSOM meetings and instead of physically travelling around Australia we've decided to invite people from around Australia to visit us.



Brisbane Seniors Online

Brisbane Seniors Online held a training day for volunteer mentors at the Queensland Cricketer's Club on Wednesday 15 September 2021. 10 speakers presented sessions on 8 topics of interest related to technology.



Brisbane Seniors Online is a not-for-profit organisation based at Woolloongabba and providing home mentoring on computers and the internet for seniors and the over 50s in the Greater Brisbane area using unpaid volunteer mentors. Whilst new learners are always welcome, there is a current need for more volunteer mentors in many areas of Brisbane. Mentoring is fun but is also of benefit in assisting mentors to improve their existing skills. There are several special interest groups that operated face to face pre-coronavirus including digital photography, Linux and Apple available for members to utilise as well as a mentor support group to help mentors. Currently these are by face to face with excursions (digital photography), Linux (currently by Zoom) and Apple (currently not operating during coronavirus).

Brisbane Seniors Online would like to acknowledge the generous contribution from Cr Jonathan Sri, Councillor for The Gabba with part funding from the Lord Mayor's Community Fund which helped make this event possible.

For more information about Brisbane Seniors Online contact 3393 2225 or see www.bsol.asn.au

Facebook.com/BrisbaneSeniorsOnline



Sessions included resources available from the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) presented by Samantha Isaacs; the NBN network delivered by Keir Tierney from NBN Co; multifactor authentication; Qld Police Financial and Cybercrime Group on scams and fraud; lawyer Brian Herd on aspects of Wills and estates; Dr Tobias Fischer and Valeria Macalypu on robotics and representatives from Centrelink on MyGov. The day ended with a session on Q&A and using Facebook.

The aim of the training day was to recognise the valuable work that Brisbane Seniors Online volunteer mentors do for the community, provide training and upskilling opportunities for them to help when tutoring and meet other mentors socially and to discuss technical issues they have resolved.

You're Invited!

Get Online Week

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.

ASCCA is an Official Supporter of Get Online Week and we will be hosting a virtual sundowner via Zoom on **Monday 18th October at 4pm AWST | 5:30pm ACST | 6:00pm AEST | 6:30pm CDT | 7pm AEDST.**

We will be talking to clubs and individuals about Be Connected and the free Digital Mentor training opportunities we can offer clubs.

[Book your spot here](#)



Be Connected
Every Australian online.



Our Special Day!

1 October - [International Day of the Older Persons](#)



International Day of the Older Persons is observed on 1 October every year to raise problems faced by elder persons and to promote the development of a society for all ages. The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on 14 December, 1990, and designates 1 October as the International Day of Older Persons.

Tech Tips

The US NSA recommends that phones should be rebooted at least once a

week to reduce the risk of hacking.

Some vulnerabilities are transient in the sense that exploits do not survive a reboot.



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 :

50c per head per member registered as at 30th June.

Rate includes GST

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