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It's Conference and AGM Month!

Greetings everyone!

Well, here we are at last, after months of planning, with ASCCA's second online Conference almost upon us.

The program is jam packed with interesting guest speakers on a variety of relevant topics, great give-away prizes and lots of fun throughout the day.

Download the program here. Have you registered your attendance yet?

After the Conference is officially closed, ASCCA will hold the Annual General Meeting, as per the Agenda emailed to all Clubs. There are still a number of Clubs that haven't as yet registered their attendance. We need the numbers in order to ensure a quorum. A separate link will be emailed to those Clubs that have registered their intention to attend.

On top of all that ASCCA now has a PO Box when only snail mail will cut it !!

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Looking forward to seeing you all online next Wednesday !!!

Warm regards,
Jenny

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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.

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

ASCCA Farewells ACCAN CEO

Goodbye and Good Luck !

ACCAN CEO, TERESA CORBIN

Best wishes from ASCCA
in the next chapter of your life

Thank you for the work that you have done at ACCAN. Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Assoc. has been privileged to partner with ACCAN for many years. You are a truly inspiring and dedicated advocate for consumers!

Congratulations on your new role!

On behalf of the ASCCA Board of Directors and Staff, Nan Bosler, Emeritus President and Jennifer Willcox, President we wish you all the very best for the future.

From Jennifer Willcox

West Australian of the Year Nominee

ASCCA's Dr Scott Hollier, Director – Accessibility is a finalist in the West Australian of the Year 2022!!!

Dr Scott Hollier

Co-founder and CEO of the Centre For Accessibility Australia

As the co-founder and CEO of the Centre For Accessibility Australia (CFA), Dr Scott Hollier is improving digital accessibility for people with disabilities - giving them equal access to technology and the internet.

The CFA drives impact through advocacy, research, training, auditing services and celebrations such as the Australian Access Awards. It's been instrumental in growing the accessibility movement in Australia, highlighting the people and organisations leading the way.

During COVID-19, the CFA has played a critical role in strengthening the need

for digital access. Scott and his teams have worked hard to ensure no one is left behind.

Scott is also an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at Edith Cowan University. The 46 year old has been teaching the Professional Certificate in Web Accessibility course through the University of South Australia since its inception in 2011.

A great storyteller, Scott, who is also legally blind, helps people better understand accessibility issues - putting them in the shoes of those who struggle to access technology and the internet.

Good luck from us all, Scott!!

Introducing Tony

ASCCA would like to e-introduce you to the newest member of the Team – Tony Watts, who joins us as Operations Manager.

Originally from Dharawal country, Bomaderry NSW, Tony grew up in Concord West, Sydney.

As a young man, he enlisted in the Australian Army reaching the rank of Major in postings across Australia.

Tony left the Regular Army and then settled in Perth, completed a bachelor's degree from UNE Armidale, and started a new career as a manager/enterprise facilitator of a Business Enterprise Centre, a network of business support organisations around Western Australia at the time.

Tony left the BEC Network in 2015 and has since worked in a variety of retail and consultancy jobs.

Married with three adult children and five healthy grandchildren, he claims to be a Rugby tragic, volunteering as an assistant referee with his son's Perth Irish Rugby Club.

Tony has undertaken a Be Connected Digital Mentoring session to get his head around SWADE, and has met with the Board members, and will now focus his

time on absorbing as much of the culture and operational style of ASCCA as he can over the coming weeks.

I know you will all make Tony feel welcome when you connect with him.

VALE Sidney Lionel Smith

I am saddened to learn of Lionel's death. He gave long and faithful service to Computer Pals for Seniors The Hills.

No matter what the state of his health he kept the club firmly in his mind and endeavoured to meet its needs in any way he could.

Lionel joined the Club in 2000 and in 2003 joined the Committee and took over as President in 2009 serving as Vice and President until current time.

Lionel had been unwell in recent months but sometimes tuned into the Club's Zoom meetings and kept in touch generally.

"Lionel was held in high regard by our members and as a committee member, we thank him for his wise guidance over the years."

One other side of Lionel's life has been his contribution to the Rural Fire Service which has been outstanding.

Lionel joined the local Rural Fire Service as a teenager many years ago and has received many awards during his time for his contribution to the Rural Fire service and his record of long service.

The Club's committee and members have lost a dedicated friend. My thoughts are with you all. Please pass on my personal condolences to his family.

Sincerely,

Nan

SWADE - Digital Mentor Training Dates

If you or members of your Club are interested in the Be Connected project at all, or if your trainers want to connect to others or just participate in some extra free training to help reinforce their mentoring skills, perhaps this is for them?

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!

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.**

Tuesday 23rd November 8am - 3:30pm WST

OR

Wednesday 8th December 8am - 3:30pm WST

To book your place you <u>can click here</u>.

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 session 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.

Events - Training Calendar

November 2021 Online Classes

ASCCA is now calling for expressions-of-interest in November's online classes, designed for seniors. Please click here to complete the online form and submit your requested topics. Submit only one form. A confirmation of your place in the classes will be sent on 1st November.

There will be no online classes in December. Classes will resume in January 2022.

You can check out what's coming up by [clicking here](#).

Google Pixel 6 introduces 'translate as you type' feature

As Christmas starts to sneak up on us, all the big tech firms are announcing new releases. While there've been many great innovations, Google has recently stolen the show with its announcement of the new Google Pixel 6 smartphone. While it contains all the usual great accessibility features including the TalkBack screen reader, switch key support, captioned video playback and colour correction features just to name a few, the big accessibility news is the inclusion of a new language translation feature.

With the help of its Tensor chip, the Pixel 6 can translate text as the users type. This is called the Live Translate feature. The translation is handled by the Private Compute Core rather than in the cloud, so the device can convert what the user is writing into other languages, almost instantaneously.

A great example of this was demonstrated whereby a person sends an SMS text message to a friend who has the phone sent to Japanese, and the text received has already been translated from English into that language by the time its received.

In recent times we've seen a greater focus on language accessibility, with Apple including voice typing in its MacOS, followed by Windows 11 introducing its own voice typing feature. Google have been working on language translation for some time, but the instantaneous nature of this feature makes the Google

Pixel 6 a standout for people wanting to communicate across different languages.

Dr Scott Hollier

ASCCA Director - Accessibility

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 you can scan the QR code here.

As from 1st July 2021
ASCCA membership rates are :

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

Rate includes GST

Corporate Membership also welcome.

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