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Greetings everyone!

The Pandemic is still with us – more in WA than ever

before, and we are just beginning to learn what it's been like in other states over the last 2 years.

Our sincere thoughts are with those people who have been impacted by the devastating floods of Queensland and New South Wales.

Here on the south coast of WA, we recently learned the horrors of nearby bush fires, a little too close for comfort.

It seems that if it's not one thing, it's the other. We must endure. And one way to do that is to reach out to our family, friends and colleagues for social well being and support.

No better way to do this is to get on board with technology. Never has there been a time more conducive to online learning, and never has there been such a plethora of things to learn!

Thanks so much to the ASCCA Team for remaining steadfast in our endeavours to provide support to seniors in technology. We have some exciting happenings on the drawing board, that we'll share with you all very soon.

In the meantime, we do so hope you all remain safe and connected.

Warm regards

Jenny

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Be Connected Digital Mentor Training

Be Connected Digital Mentor training and **Be Connected support** for 2022 is now in full swing! This project is open to our members and interested individuals from all around Australia until August.

We have reached the half way point, and we are excited to have scheduled our March training dates! We have only 19 more places under the current project, so if you are wondering about if Be Connected is for your Club and you want to have a chat with Natika - you can book into one of the scheduled intro to SWADE/Be Connected sessions scheduled for March using this link.

As this is a national project this time, we have scheduled sessions both for those of us in the WA / NT time zones (or happy to have a late start on the East Coast) and for East Coast based participants (or VERY early WA birds!).

Please feel free to share this information with your contacts if they might be interested in up-skilling themselves, staff/volunteers to better support older Aussies become more digitally confident!

Be Connected, is our Club eligible?

If you've never heard of Be Connected, or if you've previously had Be

Connected funding, and are wondering if your organisation would be eligible for this round, you can book into one of the half hour intro sessions I have listed over the next couple of weeks by using this link … sessions will be informal for information and questions and answers and held via Zoom.

Sessions are scheduled for Wed 2nd, Thursday 10th, Friday 11th, Friday 18th and Monday 21st at different times, please check the times when booking - they should be listed in the timezone you're in when you're booking.

Here are the dates for the March **Digital Mentor Training DAYS** - remember to check the time zones though as we are promoting these throughout Australia and our five plus (yes FIVE, more if we count the external territories!) time zones at the moment.

Wednesday 9th March 8:00am - 3:30pm WST (**11:00am-6:30pm AEDT**)

Wednesday 16th March 9:30am - 5:00pm **AEDT**

If you're interested but not able to make either of these sessions, please email me to let me know when would suit better and I will possibly be able to flag it for a future session.

The booking details should come up in your local time zone on this booking link… Please find the information for you to book your attendees into below!

Our Be Connected Digital Mentor training sessions are held via Zoom. Places are online and ready to book!

I look forward to meeting some of you over the next few weeks to help your club into Be Connected projects in 2022!

ASCCA Annual Competition Update!

The Board has just recovered from

the Christmas / New Year buzz and is already thinking about the ASCCA Competitions for 2022!

While things are still in the early stages, we thought we might give our members a bit of a heads up as we will be changing a few things around for 2022!

There will be three competitions this year:- *Multimedia Journal, Creative Writing* and the old favourite - *Photography*.

The Multimedia Journal is new, it's a way of suggesting to clubs that they can extend their members' confidence and ability using their club's training.

There needs to be a beginning and an end to the Journal story that is depicted using words, captions, photos and short videos. Anything one uses in the journal can also be entered in either of the other competitions. Content has to have been created in the 12 months prior to the Conference.

That brings me to the training;- on the last Fridays of each month ASCCA will present an assortment of training for club leaders and trainers. The first one will cover how to use free blogging platforms such as Weebly to encourage our participants to share their stories using a variety of mediums. This would be a perfect way to share holiday stories using short video clips, words and pictures.

Club Leaders/Trainers are encouraged to join us for these new training sessions to enable them to expand their own knowledge and pass that on to their members.

Alex, Natika and I are excited about supporting the clubs in this way and look forward to meeting you at one of the training sessions. Meetings will be via Zoom.

2022 will be an exciting year for clubs.

Susan Jensen
Competition Conveynor

Introducing

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!

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 falls 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's 'Planning Ahead' presentations; and Jenny's 'Taking Control of your own Hereafter, Digital Legacies' information sessions.

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 and what you want to happen after you're gone.

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 member 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 ASCCA - ascca@ascca.org.au

Prime Time ... is so much more than an expensive, traditional financial plan managed by others. Others 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 use a combination of both. It's up to you. A plan you control without compromise.

Training Calendar

Jean has her March Schedule of training ready for your bookings!
Bookings are essential, click on the button below, it will open a PDF with more details. Once you have chosen the topic you are interested in, click on the yellow highlighted link within that document. This will open a form for you to complete and submit.

March 2022 Training Schedule

Spreadsheets
Wednesday 16th March
12:30pm - 3:30pm (AEDT)
2.5 hours including a break
Specialist Topic - $20/pp

Managing Passwords
Wednesday 30th March
12:30pm - 2:00pm (AEDT)
1.5 hours including a break
General Topic $10/pp

Class schedules are updated monthly. If you would like to have each new issue emailed to you, please request that, via the email address below.

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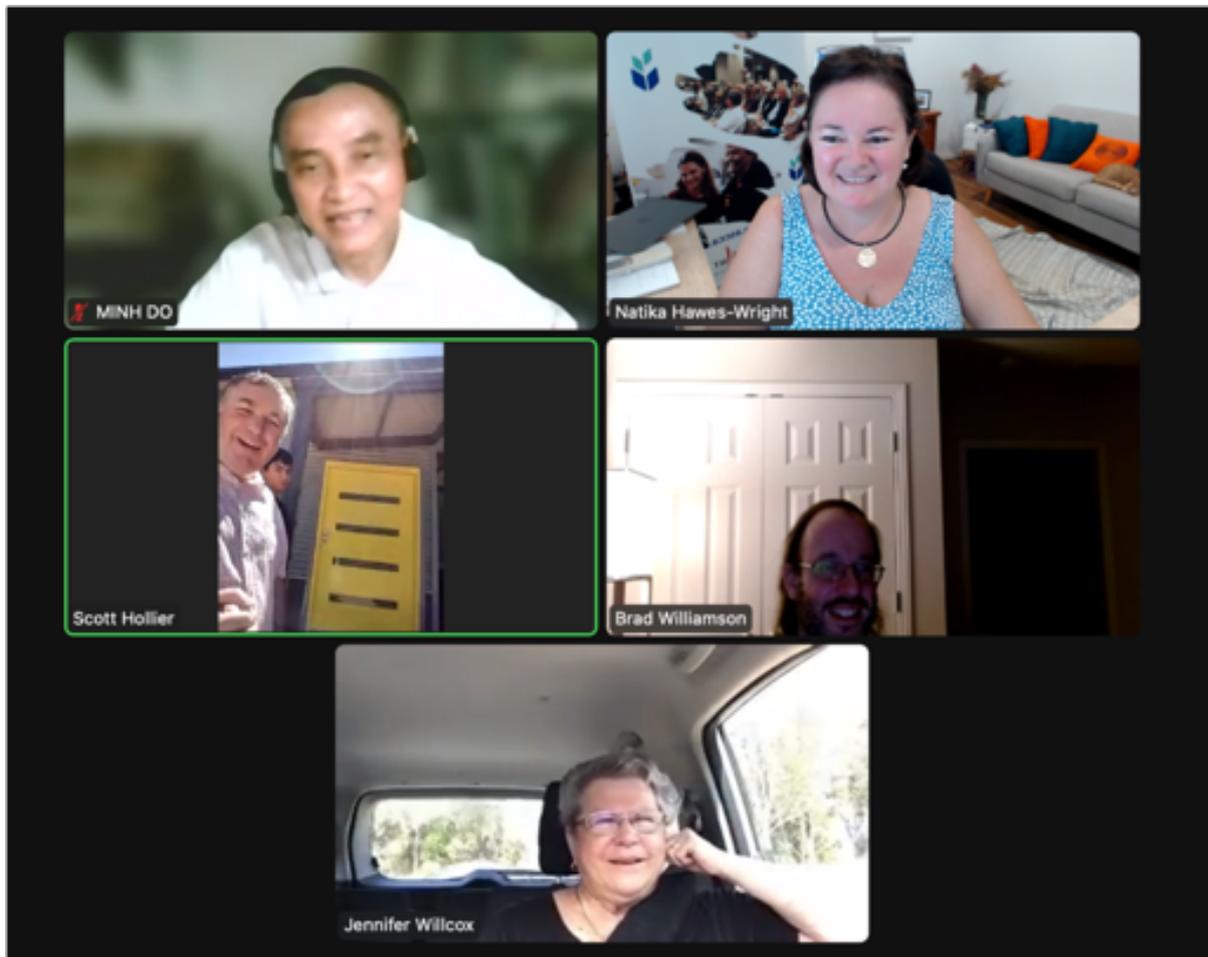
Scott's Accessibility Focus

This month I thought I'd share a more personal story on the power of digital access.

My wife and I recently built a house in York, about 100kms east of Perth. We wanted to host a housewarming party, but we had one problem: many of our friends are located interstate and overseas.

To fix this, we decided to have a traditional housewarming for people that could make it, and host an online housewarming party one hour before the guests arrived for our remote friends. Thanks to the great accessibility in Zoom which works well with the screen reader on my phone, I set up and launched the meeting and then handed it over to my 16-year-old daughter and 14-year-old son to look after the virtual tour. With the phone being within wi-fi range of our router, the signal had enough reach to provide a clear visual and audio experience.

With friends from Seattle USA, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and interstate friends

from across Australia, we were able to start outside and then bring people into our home virtually. Once we toured the house and the backyard, we all had a great chat together sharing our experiences and catching up with everyone else's news. One unexpected bonus was the ability to introduce our friends to each other on Zoom which provided a great opportunity to share even more experiences from the parts of the world that people were in.

Family friends and colleagues from as far afield as Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam), Kununurra, Seattle and on the road between Walpole and Albany, WA were able to come to our virtual housewarming through Zoom!

While tools like Zoom have become pretty commonplace through COVID-19, the thing that made it particularly special for me was, that as a legally blind person, I could set up the meeting, use all the meeting controls and easily chat with everyone onscreen while the phone provided the tour. It was also nice to have a zoom experience that didn't involve being locked at the desk for a meeting, but rather a casual chat with a group of friends as if we were all there in person walking around the house together. While not all remote meeting platforms are accessible, both Zoom and Teams provide good support on the

accessibility front.

While it was great catching up with friends for the in-person event, it was equally special to share the occasion remotely. Special thanks to Jenny, Susan and Natika from ASCCA for joining in what was a great day.

Dr Scott Hollier
ASCCA Director - Accessibility

Secure Your Club's Portable Devices

A recent email from the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) for businesses, that is just as relevant to our Clubs! Information below (with the references to business swapped out for Club) ...

Secure your portable devices to protect your personal information from cybercriminals

Dear ACSC Business Partners,

Portable devices such as laptops and smartphones have become an essential part of our everyday life, and with Christmas just passed, we may find ourselves with new devices.

Although our portable devices are convenient, they are also a key target for cybercriminals as they can contain sensitive or personal information.

To avoid cybercriminals compromising valuable information, it is important your staff and customers secure their devices and know how to stay secure online.

Why should your club secure its portable devices?

We use our portable devices for things such as *club* banking, emails to members, shopping – all of which involve sensitive or personal information.

The consequences of a cybercriminal gaining access to your devices and the information can pose a security risk to not only your *club*, but also your members.

What can you do?

Locking your portable devices with a passphrase, password, PIN or regularly backing up your files are some of the simple steps you can take to protect your device.

The ACSC's Quick Wins for Your Portable Devices provides further advice on how you can best secure your portable devices from cybercriminals. For more information, go to cyber.gov.au/secureportabledevices.

Get social

We've developed a range of resources to make it easy for your organisation to get involved including social media tiles, posters, guides and flyers. Please share these with your volunteers and customers. Please download the content from our website.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel for the latest campaign content and practical advice to help Australians improve their cyber security.

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Nan's News

I have been busy talking inspiration and empowerment of seniors through technology again! This time I was approached by Prema Menon from What Can we Do - Ideas in Action, who produces podcasts on a variety of topics, and this month chose me to speak about ASCCA's primary objective, Empowering Seniors Through Technology. I thought that our club's might be interested to hear what we discussed. ASCCA's episode is now live and can be accessed through the following links:

[YouTube](#)

[Spotify](#)

[Apple Podcasts](#)

Take care and stay safe, Nan

Nan Bosler, AM
Emeritus President

ASCCA's Zoom Sessions

If you missed the live February Zoom session hosted by Alex, it is now up online on our YouTube Channel! If you miss any of the live sessions, Alex has them up on our Channel for you to watch at your leisure!
Click the link above to watch the February session!

Other Event info

Tuesday 8th March 2021

If you don't already have International Women's Day marked in your calendar, there's still time to get organised before 8 March. It's always been a big day, but after the turmoil of the last two years, it feels particularly important to stand together.

International Women's Day is a day for us to join voices with people around the world and shout our message for equal rights loud and clear: "Women's rights are human rights!"

We celebrate all women, in all their diversities. We embrace their facets and intersections of faith, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, or disability. We

celebrate those who came before us, those who stand beside us now, and those who will come after.

It's a time to celebrate the achievements of women, whether social, political, economic or cultural.

 All the best to the women in your lives!

ASCCA Online Calendar

Click on the button below to take you to our ASCCA Online Calendar - this will be the place for all ASCCA Events, Training Dates/Details and how to book as well as other ASCCA Dates to Remember!

ASCCA Calendar

Other Event info

We are excited that our friends at Good Things Foundation have just announced the date for Get Online Week 2022!

Get Online Week will be back from 17 - 23 October 2022!

We'll share their updates on how to get involved as they come to hand!

Last year over 15,000 Aussies were reached through activities and events

during Get Online Week - it's a great way to introduce your club and what you do to potential new members and learners, hosting activities and events funded by the GOW Grants!

Put your thinking caps on now, so that you're ready when the grants open!   Or if you'd like to talk to someone from ASCCA about GOW, you can email our Be Connected Lead Digital Mentor, Natika, who has been involved in supporting many of our Be Connected Network Partners since GOW began! natikahawes-wright@ascca.org.au

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 for new clubs is available on the website, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone (we've also added a link to the QR code in this email).

As from 1st July 2021
ASCCA membership rates are :

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as at 30th June.

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