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ASCCA attends special “Today at Apple” workshops

Four very successful Apple Workshops were held in Victoria and New South Wales during December. Thanks to those clubs that interwove the workshops with end of term and Christmas events! Many participants expressed their pleasure of being invited to such exciting events. Two of these events were held in Melbourne—the Chadstone and Highpoint Apple Stores with participants all being from the AUSOM Club. The Sydney events were held at the Castle Towers and Chatswood Apple Stores with the participants being from Computer Pals for Seniors Castle Hills, Computer Pals Newcastle, Sydney PCTUG. Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches and Parramatta Computer Pals Clubs.

Special thanks to Sandra Keen, from Newcastle Computer Pals club who kindly shared the following words :

When I was invited to attend a briefing on Apple's philosophy at Chatswood, I felt the early start to board a 5:00 am train to Sydney on 12th December was worth the effort; I wasn't disappointed.

Those present were introduced to the layout of an Apple Store and the functions of each section. Staff, from management to employees introduced themselves and spoke about their time with Apple including the wonderful support they receive from colleagues and management.

Then Nan suggested we (the invited guests) tell a little of ourselves and reasons for being there; very interesting as most of us hadn't met before.

The philosophy behind the recruitment process for working with Apple was explained to the group. This was followed by a 'Today at Apple' session on photography, during which the group was taken to a nearby park for an outdoor portrait shoot. An enlightening experience. Thankyou.

Sandra Keen



Chatswood Apple Store



The sails of the Sydney Opera House glowed Saturday night January 11 with images of the heroic firefighters who have been battling fierce blazes across the country. The projections were a tribute to the firefighters and communities who have suffered through the crisis.



President, Nan Bosler; the Board of Directors together with ASCCA Staff and Volunteers extend to all ASCCA affiliated Clubs and their members and our Stakeholders sincere thanks and appreciation for their continued support during 2019, helping to ensure ASCCA remains an essential partner in empowering Seniors to actively engage in technology. Our very best wishes for a safe and happy New Year.

ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

11 February 2020 Safer Internet Day
12-23 February 2020 NSW 2020 Seniors Festival



12-23 FEBRUARY 2020
seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au



13 & 14 February

ASCCA—Expo Stand #70

Come and visit us at the stand to find another club near yours so that both Clubs can perhaps sometimes work together, or find details of a club location to help a friend or relative.

Go to <https://www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/> for the full program.

ASCCA's Official Be Connected Lead Digital Mentors will be on hand during the two days to demonstrate and talk about the program currently being delivered by ASCCA-SWADE NSW throughout New South Wales.



Be Connected
Every Australian online.

Network Partner

ASCCA will be providing free sample courses at their training centre, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please phone 9286 3871 or email training@ascca.org.au.

18 February

Course SF#1 -10.30am: **Travel Apps for Android mobile phones** 2 hours (plus 30-minute break).

SF#2—1.30pm: **Google Photos** 2 hours (plus 30-minute break)

20 February

SF#3 - 10.30am: **Travel Apps for Apple iPhones** 2 hours (plus 30-minute break).

SF#4—1.30pm: **Free music and podcasts using Spotify** 2 hours (plus 30-minute break).

Full details about these courses at -

<https://ascca.org.au/index.php/seniors-computer-courses/current-ascca-courses>



Newcastle Computer Pals for Seniors will hold a **Digital Showcase of how life can be enhanced with technology** at Islington Public School Hall, on two days.

24 February

9:30—11:30am

12:30 -2:30pm

There will be a guest speaker on the topic and demonstrations and workshops on the use of accessibility features and functions to benefit Seniors.

26th February

12:30 to 2:30pm.

The workshops will be repeated

Morning and afternoon teas & Lucky door prizes on both days.



Check your local area for details of other Seniors Computer Club activities.

The Seniors Computer Clubs from the Northern Beaches, as part of the ASCCA **SPLASH** program, will present a powerful, informative, humour-infused talk on how to stay safe online, on the phone and on email.



STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN – Safety First Online

Greg Gebhart from the Office of the e-safety Commissioner, will be the main speaker at -

Dee Why RSL Club,

10am for 10.30 start

19 February.

This session has been funded by the Department of Communities and Justice.
Free, no bookings required.



Communities
& Justice



Photo Journalism 'Hot Car' David Wastie BERRY NSW

**2019 ASCCA
GRAND CHAMPION**
1st Helen Gardner
Epping NSW
2nd Peter Cumic
Berri SA

CHAMPION CLUB
1st NEWCASTLE NSW
2nd AUSOM VIC



Photo Travel 'Travellers' Morning Tea' Peter Cumic BERRI SA

**2019 ASCCA
Photography
Competition
Winners of
First Place in
each of the
seven
categories**



Landscape/Seascape 'Loch Ard Gorge'
Lois Saleeba AUSOM Vic



Open 'Ascendant'
Chris McQuillen AUSOM Vic

Photo-Journalism

First David Wastie 'Hot Car' Berry NSW
Second Sandra Keen 'Which One is Mine'
Newcastle NSW
Third Cynthia Langley 'The Interview
Vintage style' AUSOM Vic
HC Amanda Willings 'Just Chillin' &
Peter Cunic 'Barmera Triathlon' Berry SA

Photo Travel

First Peter Cunic 'Travellers' Morning Tea'
Berri SA
Second Jim Bartlett 'Modesty Prevails in Bali'
Newcastle NSW
Third Wilhelmina Verschoof 'Bella in
National Geographic' Willetton WA
HC Sally Morton 'Snakes Alive' Manly NSW &
Steve O'Brien 'Stone Wall, Cashel, Island'
Sydney PC Users Group

People/Portrait

First Jan Dods 'A Halloween Secret'
AUSOM Vic
Second Mervyn Pope 'A Captivating Citizen'
Newcastle NSW
Third Margaret Pope 'A Rajasthan National'
Newcastle NSW
HC Cynthia Langley 'Visitors Fitzroy Gardens'
AUSOM Vic & Deborah Martin 'Oh! Yeah!'
Parramatta NSW

Landscape/Seascape

First Lois Saleeba 'Loch Ard Gorge' AUSOM Vic
Second Beryl Elsey 'Sunrise Splendour'
Newcastle NSW
Third Dianne Williams 'Tranquility'
Newcastle NSW
HC Peter Cunic 'River Reflections' Berri SA &
Deirdre Eastwood 'View, Milne Island Greenland'
Newcastle NSW

Landscape/Structural/Manmade

First Helen Gardner 'Seattle Mopop
Cultural Museum 1' Epping NSW
Second Marianne Pietersen 'Gold Coast Beach
Paradise in Rain' PCUT ACT
Third Liz Temple 'Library' Newcastle
HC Peter Mackinlay 'Concrete Aquaduct'
AUSOM Vic

Animals

First Helen Gardner 'Bee on Purple Flower'
Epping NSW
Second Wilhelmina Verschoof 'Effortless Peace'
Willetton WA
Third Patricia Beal 'Wary Drinker' Epping **HC**
Barbara Bartlett 'Incy Wincy Spider' Newcastle &
Anne Bruckard 'Two Whistlers' Carrington NSW

Open

First Chris McQuillen 'Ascendant' AUSOM
Second Brad Smith 'The Wall' AUSOM Vic
Third Gerry Eastwood 'Tango in La Boco,
Buenos Aires' Newcastle NSW
HC Deborah Martin 'Caprice' Parramatta &
Mervyn Pope 'Thoughtful Compassion'
& Sandra Keen 'Fashionistas' Newcastle



People 'A Halloween Secret' Jan Dods AUSOM Vic



Landscape/Structural/Manmade 'Seattle Mopop
Cultural Museum 1' Helen Gardner EPPING NSW



Animals 'Bee on Purple Flower' Helen Gardner
EPPING NSW

ASCCA BOARD VACANCIES

ASCCA is seeking to fill two positions on its Board of Directors—Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and is inviting expressions of interest, from those who are suitably qualified and experienced.

Secretary :

The successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring meetings are effectively organised and managed, maintaining effective records and administration, upholding all the legal requirements of governance documents, charity and not for profit law, any Board communication and correspondence. It is important to note that although the Secretary ensures that these responsibilities are met, much of the work may be delegated to paid staff or volunteers.

Given these responsibilities, the Secretary often acts as an information and reference point for the President and other Directors: clarifying past practice and decisions; confirming legal requirements; and retrieving relevant documentation. Legal and accounting experience would be advantageous.

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 governance of the organisation.

At present ASCCA has an external Accountant so the level of day-to-day accounting responsibilities is limited.

If either of these two positions are you, then please contact us at asca@asca.org.au



Safer Internet Day 2020 | Tuesday
11 February
Together for a better internet



Online Safety Tips

AN AUSSIE FIRST, A WORLD FIRST.

How to stay smart, safe & secure online. G-mee will be demonstrated by Charlie Brown, CBN Media, the brains behind this smart technology on Safer Internet Day 2020.

**Tuesday 11 February, Dee Why RSL,
10:30am - 12 noon.**



This event will be facilitated by our combined Senior Computer Pals Clubs on the Peninsula. Reservations essential for this **FREE EVENT**. Click on the link to register

<https://saferinternetdaysplash.eventbrite.com.au/>

Welcome to new ASCCA Director, Rene Beeldman

Rene responded to our call for expressions of interest in becoming a member of ASCCA's Board of Directors. It was with great pleasure that we accepted Rene to the Board in time for him to attend the December Board meeting.

Coming from Dutch parentage, Rene worked for many years in Johannesburg, South Africa, Rene's resume reads a bit like a manual detailing the vast number of areas of Rene's expertise and experience—ranging from qualified Civil Engineer to computer programmer to Project Manager and in his spare time a "part time geek" after migrating to Australia in 1999, We are sure he will fit right in to ASCCA's ethos of community, volunteering, socially sensitive in caring and sharing while also imparting to others much of the skills he has attained over a lifetime of experience.

Rene's initial contribution will be in the area of admin support for planned new projects. Welcome aboard, Rene!



**TAKING CONTROL OF
YOUR OWN
HEREAFTER**



Jennifer
Willcox

STOP PRESS

2019 Conference—Planning Ahead Session

Here at ASCCA we have recently received advice from some folk who attended Jenny's session at the Conference that the resources had not been received by those who registered for them.

As a reminder, they are contained in a large folder, too large to email. They were transmitted via an online facility called WeTransfer. An email would have been received to the effect that "Jennifer Willcox has sent you files via WeTransfer Click here to download".

If such an email is now deleted, please email Jenny direct and she will be more than happy to re-send them. jenniferwillcox@asca.org.au

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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

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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Newsletter

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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.



More shades of SWADE

The New Year dawned with exciting news for all three facets of **SWADE**.

The recent announcement by the Dept Social Services confirming that Good Things Foundation and the Be Connected program has been extended for a further twelve months, now scheduled to wind up in June 2021. This extended period will allow existing projects to be fully completed with a better chance of achieving all the goals set when they began.

As far as **ASCCA** is concerned the extension of **SWADE NT** Community Capacity Building project to end January gave us sufficient additional space to finalise several aspects of the project.

SWADE NSW will see some new faces this year delivering the Digital Mentor training—**ASCCA**'s own Mark Young and new kid on the block, Roger Hack. Plans are in place now that their training has been undertaken, to finally provide the momentum this project has needed for some time.

On 21st January we learned of yet other successful submissions covering Digital Mentor training in outer remote regions of the Northern Territory—East Arnhem Land, as well as Darwin and Alice Springs. These projects will run from February to June 2020 and to help facilitate them we have brought on board our new **SWADE NT** Project Officer, Ursula Lyons who resides in Darwin and will be our "on the spot" person. Ursula, together with Natika Hawes-Wright will deliver the training to prospective Digital Mentors within our partner organisations and in doing so will also provide direct live training to Learners.

Community Engagement grants have also been secured to support a hands on, "meet the people" exercise in NT and the other will provide support for **ASCCA**'s presence at the forthcoming NSW Seniors Festival Expo where the **SWADE NSW** Be Connected Digital Mentoring program will be on show.

Not to be outdone, **SWADE WA** continues to make inroads into the digital arena in regional Western Australia. To this end we are about to facilitate one of the first of the new concept "Health My Way" projects. **ASCCA**'s Director Jennifer Willcox and **SWADE WA** and **SWADE NT** Project Officer Natika Hawes-Wright will deliver into their own home towns of Walpole and Kununurra respectively.

**SWADE—Seniors West Australian Digital Expansion project -
an ASCCA initiated concept.**