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#### Seniors Morning Tea at Parliament of Victoria

After the success of the Seniors Morning Teas, we are pleased to offer a similar Morning Tea for the month of APRIL 2020.

Morning Tea is \$25.00 pp on presentation of seniors cards or \$35.00 pp for all others.

Please share this within your club group, however this is not limited to only club members. You can go as a group or individually.

Served in Strangers Corridor at 10am-11.30am, Monday through to Fridays during the month of April 2020 Monday - Friday 10am-11.30am

**\*Parliament is closed on weekends & public holidays  
BOOKINGS REQUIRED.**



## International Women's Day

**#IWD2020 #EachforEqual  
March 8, 2020**

Greetings to all the Women in our lives—Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Aunts, Grand-daughters and Great grand-daughters. ASCCA is always proud to acknowledge Women everywhere and this year especially fits into the ASCCA ethos as one of the IWD Missions in 2020 is to celebrate digital advancement and champion the women forging innovation through technology.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

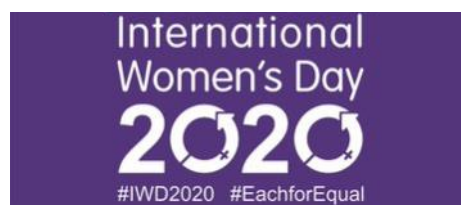
International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific.

Collectively, we can forge women's equality - sooner and faster. Thankfully gains have been made, but there's still a great deal to achieve on many fronts. Therefore, International Women's Day 2020 sees a number of MISSIONS to help forge a gender equal world,

**NSW Women's Week has been established as a centrepiece to support the NSW Government's commitment to improve the lives of women in NSW. It will be celebrated 2nd to 8th March, 2020. Through a series of events and activities, it celebrates the achievements of women and promotes gender equality.**

Celebrating women's achievements and increasing visibility, while calling out inequality, is key.

**[#EachforEqual](#)**



# ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

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March

International Women's Day 2020



**NSW Seniors Festival Expo** was very busy for ASCCA and for many from the network of the Seniors Computer Clubs throughout NSW.

The Darling Harbour Conference Centre was alive with seniors, music and stands as the Expo was bursting with energy and expectation on the 13 & 14 February.

ASCCA's stand seemed to always be busy. The three or four volunteers rostered on the stand each day seemed to never have a quite moment. These volunteers had conversations with about 475 seniors from all over NSW and indeed some from interstate, giving them information about the club nearest to where they lived, and explaining what they would find at the clubs to help them learn more about technology.



Be Connected's online lessons were also being demonstrated and there was a lot of interest in them. The stand started with 1000 ASCCA flyers and a good quantity of Be Connected brochures, by the end of the second day very few of either were left!

The four taster sessions that Jean Martin, ASCCA's Training Officer, delivered on the 18th and 20th February in our Learning Centre at 280 Pitt Street were booked out and most successful.

ASCCA's Technical Officer and Be Connected Project Officer, Mark Young commented :

"Every now and then, we wonder if seniors may not need computer clubs because they are more tech savvy than before. The attendance at our stand says otherwise and that, even though they may know more these days, sorting out the increasing complexity of today's devices still requires help – even if in a different format.



Special thanks to ASCCA's wonderful team who once again jumped in and worked like clockwork to make ASCCA's presence such a success!

# ASCCA BOARD VACANCIES

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

## 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 this position is you, then please contact us at [ascca@ascca.org.au](mailto:ascca@ascca.org.au)**

## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN – SAFETY FIRST ONLINE

This **Seniors Festival event** was held at Dee Why and hosted by the Senior Computer Clubs on the Peninsula, lead most successfully by Avalon Computer Pals. There is a cluster of 5 computer Clubs along the Northern Beaches Peninsula and they are linked loosely together by an ASCCA initiated program called SPLASH to share opportunities and ideas.

The event was a great success with more than 150 seniors attending. ASCCA's President, Nan Bosler, began the day by sharing information about the establishment of the first clubs on the Northern Beaches and how that led to the establishment of ASCCA.

The main speaker of the day was Greg Gebhart who is one of Australia's leading online safety presenters. He has presented at state, national and international events and is one of the eSafety trainers. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is the worlds first government agency committed to keeping its citizens safer online! Greg covered two topics, "*Can you recognise a scam*" and "*Safer online banking and shopping.*" He left the audience feeling far more confident about having positive experiences online.



L to R : Anne Matthews, Training Coordinator, Computer Pals Northern Beaches and Judy Elias, President, Manly Computer Pals



Greg Gebhart, Guest Speaker, Office of eSafety



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE SOUGHT ...

ASCCA is seeking expressions of interest from those interested in participating in either of the two Be Connected projects soon to be delivered from our Sydney Learning Centre, 280 Pitt Street.

**DIGITAL MENTOR TRAINING** on Be Connected program  
**BE CONNECTED LEARNERS** of the Topic Library on the eSafety Portal  
Email Mark Young : [markyoung@ascca.org.au](mailto:markyoung@ascca.org.au)—to register or enquire.



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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](http://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](http://www.ascca.org.au) or email [office@ascca.org.au](mailto: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.



## Shades of SWADE

### SWADE WA

Training by Lead Digital Mentors Jenny and Tik has now been undertaken with the Good Things program Health My Way scheduled to commence in both Walpole and Kununurra towards the end of March. Preliminary research has been undertaken and target groups identified, promotional material has been acquired and is being prepared.

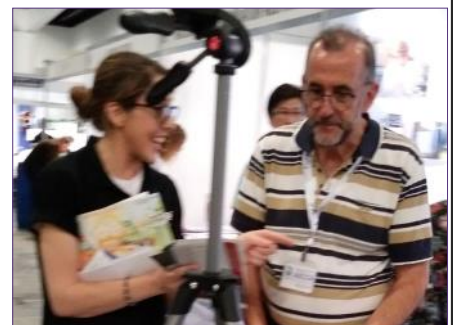
### SWADE NT

A very exciting week was had last week where SWADE NT+ Project Officers, Natika Hawes-Wright and Ursula Lyons delivered the Digital Mentoring training in Darwin to the ladies of the East Arnhem Regional Council Libraries of Nhulunbuy, Angurugu, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Galiwin'ku and Umbakumba who travelled to Darwin. The planned next step, under Carol Stableford's guidance is a trip that will allow Tik and Ursula to visit the majority of these remote communities.



### SWADE NSW

An Activation Grant has been submitted to support the planned Be Connected sessions where lessons will be on offer to general learners. ASCCA's SWADE NSW Project Officer, Mark Young, suggested we "go back one step" and provide such an opportunity to undertake the free online lessons, where a greater understanding will be gained for ASCCA personnel in order to impart to the Digital Mentors who will be trained under this level.



**Be Connected**  
Every Australian online.

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