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### What does an online conference mean?

Well, everything is online these days isn't it? ASCCA didn't want to be left behind! Our online conference will bring together a range of speakers from their living rooms/offices/social hubs to yours. The same as a live conference we have 10+ people with 30 minute time slots that will tell you about tales, tips and tricks of using technology to make our lives easier. Only now you can watch it in the comfort of your own home. Instead of heading to a hotel you can log online to a single link that will give you the best seat in the house from your computer, tablet or the lucky ones who can put it up on the T.V. Consider it like your own Seniors Channel.

This is new for us as well as for most of you so we will run some test log ins before the day for those who are unaccustomed to zoom. Even if you have been on a video conference before it might be worth logging in to one of the tests to make sure your settings haven't changed.

### How do I buy tickets and get a link to log on?

Tickets are only \$15 and can be bought from this link <https://events.humanitix.com/ascca-conference-2020>. Our tip is to sign up sooner rather than later so that you can get all of the pre-conference information and news. Not only will we be releasing information about our speakers and sponsors in the weeks leading up to the event but we will also provide handy tips and how to's so you can get the most out of the day. The link for the conference will come out to you in the week leading up and will give you access to the whole days worth of events.

### Do I have to watch the conference *all day*?

That's the beauty of an online conference. No, you don't have to watch every session. While we are sure all of our speakers are going to keep you glued to your chair there is nothing stopping you from picking and choosing the sessions that you are most interested in, or just ducking out of the room for a bit. Online conferences can work around you.

### 1st October, 2020 is the 30th year of the International Day of Older Persons.

World wide in 2020, the number of people aged 60 years and older has outnumber children younger than 5 years. Older persons are increasingly seen as contributors to development, whose abilities to act for the betterment of themselves and their societies should be woven into policies and programmes at all levels. A longer life brings with it opportunities, not only for older people and their families, but also for societies as a whole. Additional years provide the chance to pursue new activities such as further education, a new career or pursuing a long neglected passion. Older people also contribute in many ways to their families and communities. **ASCCA applauds the members of Seniors Computer Clubs!**

# 2020 Conference

Living Your Best Online Life

10 November 2020 9am - 4.30pm



## COMPUTER CLUBS THRIVING DURING COVID-19: AUSOM

Many treats are in store for you at the ASCCA Conference; one of which will be the Apple Users Society of Melbourne (AUSOM) President, Ivan Radywonik, revealing just how AUSOM moved quickly from face to face meetings to glorious video conferencing for its members and visitors. Members have lost no services and in fact have enhanced access to many more meetings without ever leaving the comfort of their homes. Attendances levels show how popular this new venture is. It offers chance to converse with one's many friends as well as absorb information on the

way to make technology work for them.



AUSOM is using the very popular Zoom app for its group sessions and still provides support for users on that platform. If your group has not yet transitioned there is the danger that members may be lost.

Come and hear Ivan on 10 November 2020 and learn how you can enhance your club even if you are now able to provide limited face to face meetings.

## HOW ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES MAKE YOUR TECH MORE USEFUL

Did you know that Windows has a full-screen magnifier built-in that can make it easier to see a portion of the screen? To run it on Windows 10, hold down the Windows key and press the '+' key. Keep repeating this command until it is the size you need, then move your mouse to view different areas of the screen. To decrease the magnifier, hold down the Windows key and press the '-' key. Repeat this step until the viewing area is smaller or the screen is back to its normal size.

If you found this helpful, Scott will be sharing more tips and tricks for accessibility across Windows, Mac, iOS and Android at the ASCCA Conference.



**Dr Scott Hollier**  
CEO & Co-founder  
**CENTRE FOR ACCESSIBILITY**



## Shades of SWADE

### SWADE WA



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ASCCA is pleased to announce it has partnered with Linkwest, peak body for Community Resource and Neighbourhood Centres in Western Australia, along with the Country Women's Association and Men's Sheds of WA in order to train additional digital mentors in Western Australia from within the partner organisations.

The partnership was successful in securing a \$100,000 grant from The Good Things Foundation's Be Connected project, an Australian government initiative committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians, to roll out digital skills training programs which are tailored to the needs of individual communities.

Learning digital skills can be intimidating for many people, but the partnership with these four trusted, community-based, not-for-profit peak bodies, it is expected to reach many more West Australians who will really benefit from increased digital literacy.

The Be Connected initiative enables older people to gain confidence with technology, while at the same time take pleasure from mastering new skills – all while making some new friends and having a good time.”

Jennifer Willcox, Vice President of Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, says through new network building, ASCCA will seek opportunities to support seniors in the area of learning technology and the establishment of affiliated clubs within those groups.

ASCCA has appointed Linda Beard to be another SWADE WA Project Officer and joins Natika, Ursula and Mark in the growing SWADE team.

### SWADE NT

ASCCA in its own right was successful in securing additional Good Things Foundation funding to support the ongoing delivery of the Be Connected program that has been running in both Darwin and East Arnhem Land during this current year.



**SWADE WA and NT** will be taking part in Get on Line Week with separate events hosting our current partner organisations as well as potential new partners via a virtual morning tea! Real Tea bags and Tim Tams will be the order of the day— shared amongst all participants who will be encouraged to share stories of how they utilised the skills learned in their Be Connected tutorials.

### SWADE NSW

Mark has been providing support to many Clubs and their members in taking on board the Digital Mentoring training while, at the same time, teaching the sometimes tricky use of remote delivery and attendance. ASCCA's Training Officer, Jean Martin's online tutorials have been a means to instil further interest among participants.

## Vale Susan Ryan

As I listened to news coverage I couldn't help but be saddened by the news but amazed that she had taken time to be a friend to ASCCA. Her range of achievements was absolutely outstanding and we, the people of Australia, were the ones who benefited. Nan Bosler

I was so saddened to hear on the news last night of the death of ASCCA's "friend" Susan Ryan who was so enthusiastic in her work as Age Commissioner and a great supporter of Nan in her Human Rights Award. I felt sure that with the October Newsletter coming up you would be planning a tribute for her so I have gone into my "archives" to find the lovely photo of Susan and Nan which I took at the 2012 Conference in case you would want it. Joan Craymer



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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  
These fees are being waived for the 2020-21 Financial year

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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Contributions are welcome. Remember, this is **YOUR NEWSLETTER**. Please take special note clubs outside Sydney and NSW.

## ASCCA 2020 Photo Competition Peoples Choice

The entries in this competition have now been placed in albums in Google Photos and the album for each category can be accessed from the below links.

There is one album for each category.

- 1 Photo-Journalism <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EDEoaxhR5SwNxNvn7>
- 2 Travel <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dFetUw6NA4ngea667>
- 3 People-Portrait <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Wwk6kZSYTSUm1zr8>
- 4 Landscape-Seascape <https://photos.app.goo.gl/DCz37cBJXkXd866r9>
- 5 Landscape-Structural-Manmade  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HiAgANFvURm19o5L9>
- 6 Animals <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1Dd1JfiggYUjyopm6>
- 7 Open <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5833AeDe8DW6u2tW7>

For each album, the link should bring up a page with all the entries. Clicking on any photo will show that photo with details of the filename when "Info" is turned on. All photos can be scrolled through using arrows at left and right. The file name consists of a 4 digit numeric code followed by the caption as entered.

Take note of the code of your choice of photo.

When you have chosen your choice for all categories, there is a voting form at <https://forms.gle/VTDCo3GQ12jCp2mJ6> which will be open for votes from **1201AM on 1 October 2020 until 1159PM on Friday 16 October 2020**.

Votes cast outside these times will be discarded.

The form asks for your email address, name, and ASCCA Club, and your choice in each category. Enter the 4 digit code of your choice or simply leave blank for any category where you have not made a choice.

The votes will be separated from the identifying fields so your vote will remain secret.

Enjoy some great photographs from club members.

*Allan Mickelson, Photographic Competition Organiser*

### **An important reminder to all Clubs !**

Please note that membership forms still need to be returned in order to maintain full membership, even though fees were not required to be paid this financial year.

**Full financial membership may be required for your AGM vote!**

