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Microsoft Unlimited Potential Commonwealth Games Competition "Realising Potential through Teamwork" Congratulations to our winners!!

NSW Winner: Beverley Clarke, Carrington Seniors Computer Club
NSW Runner up: Daphne Luker, Westlakes Seniors Computer Club
ACT Runner up: James Bullivant, ACT PCUG

Well done to the three winners from ASCCA clubs, Beverley Clarke and Daphne Luker from NSW and James Bullivant from ACT. Those who were able to attend the March ASCCA Members' Meeting in Sydney were able to view the winning entries and to congratulate both Beverley Clarke and Daphne Luker who were in the audience to hear the enthusiastic applause when their entries were shown. Daphne and James received Xbox consoles while Beverley won a trip for two to Melbourne, overnight hotel accommodation and two tickets to the Games in Melbourne plus some spending money! Her club received 2 DELL printers and a Cadbury's Chocolate Hamper!

Microsoft also provided tickets to the final rehearsal for the opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games to ASCCA for distribution to members and their families. The tickets were in blocks and some of those who were able to attend enjoyed being able to meet and chat with other ASCCA members sitting nearby. What a night!

One email after the event read in part "What a fantastic night. I thought the kid's eyes would pop out of their heads! My seven year old sat and chanted "This is the best night ever" Even the 'cool' 16 year old loved it. The whole event ran smoothly & we had wonderful seats only 26 rows from the front. We can't thank you enough for the opportunity. I am sure it will be a life long memory for the kids."

Two wonderful opportunities made possible by Microsoft, Thanks!

Have you visited the ASCCA Website?

www.seniorcomputing.org Webmaster: Colin Ward

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WA Information Technology & Telecommunications Awards

The Council On The Ageing (WA) Inc. Channel 7 Learning Centre has won the highly prestigious WA Information Technology & Telecommunications Awards for the Service Delivery and Training Category.

The WA Information Technology and Telecommunications Awards (WAITTA) have been conducted annually since 1991 by the WA Branch of the Australian Computer Society Inc. The purpose of the WAITTA is to recognise outstanding performance and contributions by members of the IT&T community in Western Australia. Nigel Barker, Executive Director, Council On The Ageing (WA) Inc. when acknowledging the award said,

"Particular thanks are due to Lotterywest, OSIV, Channel 7 and the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association ASCCA, who have consistently supported our work. It is by far the most prestigious Award the Centre has won and congratulations must go to Lorraine and Helen who put together the nomination."

ASCCA adds its congratulations for this fantastic achievement.

ASCCA's 2006 Residential Workshop will be held on May 8-9 on the NSW south coast at the Kiama Leagues Club

ASCCA is proud to conduct this workshop in conjunction with members of our various clubs. The workshops & presentations will be conducted by experienced trainers from various clubs within the Association, Ray Thorburn from the Kiama Family History Centre and others.

**Limited places, so book early!!
Lots of bookings have already been received.**

Contact: ASCCA, office@seniorcomputing.org or phone 02 9286 3871 for more details

Rumours and Urban Myths.

Snopes www.snopes.com is a site dedicated to debunking (or otherwise) a huge number of rumours, etc., old and new. If you receive an email with a suspicious looking title, first check Snopes to see if it is listed

Daylight Saving Time Changes

I hope your computers are showing the correct time. If your clock is not correct, double click the Time and choose *Internet time* from the resulting window. Click update now and every thing should be ok. Just make sure you have a tick in *Automatically adjust.* in the *Time Zone* tab.

Have you participated in the Commonwealth or Olympic Games?

I received an interesting email from Victor Schweikert of the Southern Highlands Club (see below) which leads me to ask if there are any other club members who have represented their country at either the Commonwealth or Olympic Games. If so ASCCA would love to hear from you.

"I was interested to read in your previous Newsletter re the Melbourne Games that the history of the Queen's message in the baton started at the Cardiff Commonwealth Games in 1958. I didn't realise it started then, I was there at those games representing Australia in the rowing. We raced on Lake Pardarn and our home was at Bangor University a short bus ride away. I was in Bangor when the baton came through. The runner was met by the Mayor of Bangor and his wife. Brought back a lot of memories."

Libraries Australia, a New Service

Libraries Australia (librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au) a service that enables anyone with an Internet connection to select from more than 40 million items held in over 800 libraries across the nation, was launched earlier this year at Parliament House, Canberra by Senator Helen Coonan, Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

This innovative service is an Australian first, opening up the collections of Australia's libraries to the public. Libraries Australia, developed by the National Library of Australia, is an e-ticket to a world of information consisting of books, journals, newspapers, theses, pictures, music, manuscripts, maps and much more. Many online resources such as digitised images and full text government publications can also be accessed immediately online.

Underpinned by cutting edge technology and data contributed by the nation's libraries, Libraries Australia makes it easy to search for information across the collections of the national, state and university libraries and most public, research, government, health and other special libraries. Some of the features of Libraries Australia are the ability to instantly access many digitised items; borrow from a local library or order from another library; copy selections of items at a small price; buy from online bookshops; and find library locations nationwide.

Libraries Australia can be used to further education or personal interests, advance research, obtain information to develop business opportunities or to facilitate lifelong learning. It is available at librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au

Plants get wet rating

Sydney Water plans to combat confusion over the best plants for Sydney's dry conditions with the addition of a Plant Selector on its website. About 25% of water used by Sydney residents is used outdoors, according to Water Utilities Minister David Campbell.

"Promoting things such as innovative garden design and smart plant selection can cut water use by 40%, which makes good sense," Mr. Campbell said. Low water using plants and grasses include both Australian natives and exotic varieties. To make choosing even easier, photographs have been included, along with information on which plants perform best in certain soils and local climates to ensure plants are compatible with the surrounding conditions.

Mr. Campbell said there were numerous things avid gardeners could do to help save water while drought proofing plants, such as using mulch, compost and water crystals.

Find the Plant Selector under Saving Water at Sydney Water's website www.sydneywater.com.au

'Live life' during NSW Seniors Week

ASCCA's contribution to Seniors Week
Public Trustee's TechnoSeniors Events

This year, the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association will be organising computer EXPOs for Seniors in Parramatta, Nowra and Redfern. The latter is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The events will be held on:

- Tuesday April 4 (Nowra and Redfern)
- Thursday April 6 (Parramatta)

Additionally, many computer clubs for seniors throughout NSW will ring Sydney and spread out into regional areas with special computer related activities for Seniors Week.

For further information about all of these events go to

<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/SeniorsWeek06/TechnoSeniors2006.htm>

The link on that website to *NSW Seniors Week* will take you to the full Seniors Week program.

Seniors Week is an annual initiative of the NSW Government, and aims to thank, celebrate and recognise older people across NSW for the contributions they make to the community. Seniors Week is organised by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

ANZAC - something to be proud of

Anzac is a word that more than any other stirs our memories of courage, of sacrifice, of compassion and comradeship, of a quality that in the whole history of human conflict has rarely been equaled. The awesome experience of the Anzac campaign welded the fledgling country of Australia, formed from a collection of Colonial States into a nation of people who were proud to be Australians.

Anzac is more than a name, it is a legend. It was certainly born on the beaches of Gallipoli but it has come to mean much more than the exploits, brave though they were, of the men who served in that Campaign.

The Anzac spirit is the Australian spirit, the spirit that founded a nation, opened it up by daring exploration, developed it and protected it. Anzac symbolizes all that is best in the human character and all that is best in those of us who are proud to call ourselves Australians. Our task now is to ensure that the message of Anzac and all it stands for is nourished and developed so that it will mean as much to our countrymen in a hundred years as it means to us today.

From the foreword, written by Sir William Keys, National President, The Returned Services League of Australia in 1986 for "Anzac - something to be proud of" by Nan Bosler

Justices of the Peace in New South Wales please note!

Any member that has not yet been re-appointed with the Attorney General's Department by 8 December 2006 will no longer be Justice of the Peace after that date. You can download the re-appointment form from NSW Justices' Association at www.nswja.org or otherwise call the Attorney General's Department on 02 9228 7487 and have the form sent out to you. *Thanks Bodo Schwarz*

FORWARD AND BACKWARD SLASHES

An easy way to remember is, that the name tells you which direction the top of the slash points.

Forward slashes (/) tells your computer you're looking for something external to your system, like Web pages.

Backslashes (\) tells your computer you're looking for something inside your system, like a drive or a file.

Queensland Conference!

A steering committee, chaired by Brad Ainge from Pine Rivers Club has commenced planning for the 1st Computer Seminar for Seniors which will be held in Brisbane later this year.

Watch for details.

Pass on this Newsletter

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 forwarding it.

The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website, www.seniorcomputing.org

You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of **ASCCA** is required.

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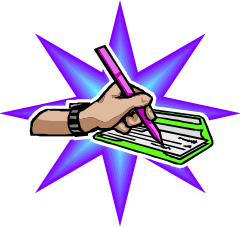
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2 - 9 April NSW Seniors week— full details on website:
[http://www.seniorcomputing.org/SeniorsWeek06/
TechnoSeniors2006.htm](http://www.seniorcomputing.org/SeniorsWeek06/TechnoSeniors2006.htm)

6 April *Looking Forward*, the next 30 years in Telecommunications,
organised by TCGSA and Berri Senior Citizens Club Inc. South
Australia. Registration or details available from
ian67@bigpond.net.au

25 April Anzac Day

7 - 9 May Digital Photography & Family History Workshop—Kiama on
the South coast of NSW. Contact the ASCCA office now on
office@seniorcomputing.org or phone 9286 3871 for more
information or a registration form

14 June Members Meeting, 10.00 am, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney

5—6 Sept 8th Computer Conference for Seniors,
Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney

9 November ASCCA Annual General Meeting

About Mums :

Here are some of the answers to one of the questions given to a class of 2nd grade children.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

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. Cost of membership is \$100 per year. Corporate Membership is also welcome.

If you fit one of those categories and are interested in joining **ASCCA** please go to our website www.seniorcomputing.org or email office@seniorcomputing.org to find out how to start a club or read some of the advantages of joining **ASCCA** if you are an existing club. You can download an Application Form.

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