

Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

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September is Conference and Forum Month!

ASCCA's annual conference for seniors will be held in the Sydney NSW city centre this year. The benefits of a city venue for members and their friends will be:

- close to transport - buses, trains and easy access to the airport
 - a familiar venue - the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts building - where ASCCA's office is located.
- The 8th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors will be officially opened by Jim Hegarty who is the Chief Information Officer at the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. He has over 25 years experience in the provision of information technology and related services within the NSW government. Jim is responsible for the provision of information technology to support the direct and purchased services activities of the Department and of its 12,500 staff and 200,000 clients

On each day, there will be a mixture of keynote presentations, demonstrations and concurrent workshops on a range of information communication technology. There will be something for everyone, whether you are a seasoned club member or just curious about computers. And as usual, we won't forget the lucky door prizes, including the chance to win popular software.

A lunchtime feature of Tuesday, 5 September will be the trade shows - Get Up & Go; Woodslane (computer books); NSW Office of Fair Trading; Seniors Care; WorkVentures; ASCCA; TIO and Vision Australia amongst others will be there to display their goods and answer your questions.

On Wednesday, 6 September we will throw a spotlight on clubs, with the opportunity for our member clubs to show off their talents by displaying "end products", demonstrating their training manuals, courses and other innovations.

To find out more, contact Tony Lenn at office@seniorcomputing.org or telephone (02) 9286 3871 or go to the Conference Website <http://www.seniorcomputing.org/conference2006/index.html> **These**

Have you visited the ASCCA Website?

www.seniorcomputing.org Webmaster: Colin Ward

Awards are now open. Who do you plan to nominate?

OPSO People's Choice Media Awards: The Australian Government, through the Office for an Ageing Australia, has jointly developed the OPSO awards with Older People Speak Out. These awards encourage members of the public to find and nominate examples of positive media coverage of older people. The closing date is 26 September, 2006. For more details go to www.seniors.gov.au or www.opso.com.au

Senior Australian of the Year: With four weeks to go until nominations close on 28 August, 2006, Australian of the Year Awards Director, Warren Pearson, has urged the public to nominate people they admire and find inspiring. Nominations for Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero can be made online at www.australianoftheyear.gov.au or pick up a nomination form from any Commonwealth Bank or Holiday Inn.

Review of TIO

The Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO) has engaged the Allen Consulting Group to undertake an independent review of the TIO Scheme to determine whether it is providing an accessible, independent, fair, accountable and efficient complaint handling service. Details about the review, including the Issues Paper, are online at:

<http://www.tio.com.au/TIOReview/TIOreviewmain.htm>

Consumers Telecommunications Network (CTN) has been engaged by the Allen Consulting Group to prepare a formal consumer submission for the TIO Review. CTN wants to hear from community and consumer groups from around Australia for input into the formal consumer submission. Your feedback is crucial to ensuring the strengths and weaknesses of the TIO scheme are accurately captured in the consumer submission.

There are several ways consumer and community representatives can participate, including attending a workshop, teleconference, online questionnaire, or personal interview. Full details are on CTN's website at: <http://www.ctn.org.au/content.cfm?ContentType=Content&ContentID=222>

She'll be apples - Aussie English

G'day, crikey, blimey and sanger are among the words likely to be accepted for the next edition of Microsoft Office!

Words which currently get the squiggly red underline for misspellings were selected by a panel of experts as Aussie words they consider most relevant to everyday Australians.

Microsoft Australia recognises that while English has become a worldwide language, it is not a uniform language. Here are currently 18 versions of English available in Microsoft Office, each based on a dictionary specific to that variant of English.

SAVING OUR CENSUS 2006! - YOUR HELP NEEDED URGENTLY

The next Australian census will be conducted on the night of Tuesday 8 August 2006 . It will contain 61 questions, of which all but two will be compulsory. We ask you to make sure that you answer Q.60 with a yes! Question 60 will read:

"Does each person in this household agree to his/her name and address and other information on this form being kept by the National Archives of Australia and then made publicly available after 99 years?"

If this question is ignored, it will be treated as a NO!

It has long been disappointing for those of us who research our family history that almost no census details are available to help you find out more about our Australian ancestors.

More details of the campaign and how you can help are now available on the AFFHO webpage <http://www.affho.org/projects/census.php>

ASCCA 2006 Competitions close on 28 August!

Go to Members Only page on the website or ring the office for entry forms and conditions of entry!

ASCCA's inaugural Queensland Forum Computing for Seniors: Saturday, 30 September 2006

ASCCA proudly presents the first Queensland forum, organised by members of the Queensland Forum steering committee, led by Brad Ainge, President of the Pine Rivers Computer Club at Kalangur. The one day forum will be an information packed day designed especially for seniors to further their computer knowledge. The cost is only \$35 per person, and an early bird discount is available if you pre-register.

Learn how to turn your computer from techno beast to friendly companion.

There will be four information sessions, each with a choice of topics to cater to your area of interest. Spaces are limited, so some classes may book out! Pre-Register and guarantee your seat today!

This is the chance you've been waiting for in Brisbane; sessions and subjects related to your interest and aimed at your requirements. Be introduced to a club/group within your area for continual year round learning and enjoyment.

Go to <http://www.seniorcomputing.org/qldforum/Registration.html> for more details and to register.

Enquiries can be made by emailing qldforum@seniorcomputing.org or phoning (07) 3870 5493 after 6pm.

Macintosh Users Groups

An email has been received from Nicholas Pyers who provides various resources to Macintosh User Groups, including writing a MUG Event Calendar that is published each month in Australian Macworld. If your club has a Macintosh Special Interest Group he invites you to be included in the Macworld MUG Event Calendar.

You can find out more about what he does with MUGs by visiting;

<http://www.nicholaspyers.com/usergroups/>

His email address is usegroups@nicholaspyers.com

Congratulations!

More of our club members are to be congratulated for high achievement!

June Hazzlewood from Launceston, Tas. has been awarded a PhD for her work *Third Age Learners and ICT. Training and Support Issues*. She graduates on 12 August from the University of Tasmania.

Noelene Laffin, member of SeniorNet, Ipswich Q has won the Bereavement, Grief and Loss category in the Hilda des Arts Community Footprints Awards and Denis Besley, also from Ipswich, was a finalist in the Seniors category in the Hilda des Arts Awards.

Darwin Club writes that

"Dr William Fredrick MITCHELL, of Nightcliff, NT, well-known to our members and other local organisations as 'Fred Mitchell', and a regular participant at our club, received a medal in the Order of Australia General Division, (OAM).

The citation read:

For service to dentistry as a practitioner and through the Australian Dental Association, and to the community of the NT.

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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DIARY



- 28 August** Closing date for entries in the 2006 ASCCA Competitions for Best Club Newsletter, Best Club Website and best Digital Photography. Entry forms on Members only page of website
- 5—6 Sept** 8th Computer Conference for Seniors,
Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney
<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/conference2006/Registration.html>
- 30 Sept** Inaugural Computing for Seniors 1 day Forum,
Ferny Grove High School Auditorium, Ferny Grove Q'ld
<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/qldforum/Registration.html>
- 23—27 Oct** National E-security Awareness Week
- 9 Nov** ASCCA Annual General Meeting. Winners of the 2006 ASCCA competitions will be announced

The Stories behind the names of famous companies

3. YAHOO: The word was invented by Jonathan Swift and used in his book Gulliver's Travels. It represents a person who is repulsive in appearance and action and is barely human. Yahoo! Founders Jerry Yang and David Filo elected the name because they considered themselves yahoos.

4. MICROSOFT: It was coined by Bill Gates to represent the company that was devoted to MICROcomputer SOFTWARE. Originally christened Micro-Soft, the '-' was removed later on.

Thanks Westlakes!

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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