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WANTED - OUTSTANDING OLDER QUEENSLANDERS FOR THE 21ST PREMIER'S SENIORS AWARDS

The State Government wants Queenslanders to nominate quiet achievers aged over 50 for the 21st Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors.

The Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, Warren Pitt, has called on Queenslanders to nominate an older person who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

"The Premier's Awards are an excellent way of acknowledging the many seniors who are actively involved in voluntary work, particularly after they retire," Mr Pitt said. "The awards recognise that these older Queenslanders are positive role models for our young people."

Nominees can be an older person who is involved in organising community events or fundraising, participating in voluntary activities, or generally contributing to the wellbeing of the community in their own time and for no financial reward. Nominees should not have received an Australian or Commonwealth honour such as an AM, OAM, MBE or previous Premier's Award for community work, unless the work is in a different field.

"The 393 past winners were selected for a variety of volunteer activities and outstanding contributions in a range of areas," he said. "These include the arts, the environment, fundraising, caring for others, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, assisting migrant communities, and a host of other vital community services.

"This year, another 15 seniors will be selected to receive an award."

For more information phone the Office for Seniors on 1300 132 654. Nomination forms are available from Department of Communities' regional offices, seniors' organisations, electorate offices, QGAP agents or on the Department of Communities website at www.communities.qld.gov.au

Nominations close on Friday, 16 June 2006.

Telecommunications Survey

The Telecommunications survey is going extremely well - just on 500 completed survey have been received and some extremely valuable data is being retrieved. It is important that we get as many responses as possible so that we can draw a realistic picture of what we want from telecommunications. There are more than 100 active seniors computer clubs in Australia and we are all consumers who want to be able to speak with a powerful voice and say "Seniors WANT Seniors NEED....." The more responses to this survey the louder our voice will be heard!

If you haven't yet returned your survey please do so by 14 June 2006. If you have mislaid it go to the Members Only page on our website www.seniorcomputing.org

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Digital Photography & Family History Workshop

Go to <http://www.seniorcomputing.org/kiama2006/ProgramWorkshop.html> to find out just what happened at the 3rd ASCCA Residential Workshop! You will find the program; information about the Kiama Family History Centre and a useful list of Genealogy Website links prepared by one of our speakers, Gwen Federici. These links include sites for General Information; State Records; Libraries; Transcription Services; Cemeteries; Newspaper Indexes; Convicts & Pioneers and so on! There are also copies of the wonderful Digital Scrapbooking presentations done by Beverley Clark and Geoff Picker who are both from the Carrington Computer Club, Camden.

*If you could see your ancestors, all standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them or not, or don't you really know?
Some strange discoveries are made, in climbing Family Trees,
And some of them, you know, don't particularly please.
If you could see your ancestors, all standing in a row,
There may be some of them perhaps you wouldn't care to know.
But there's another question which requires a different view,
If you could meet your ancestors, would they be proud of you?*

Congratulations - Award to Margaret Tucker

Margaret Tucker, ASCCA's Club Development Officer, has added an additional qualification to her CV. In May she graduated with Certificate III in Information Technology and received the Most Outstanding Student award for 2005 for Certificate III - that includes all the students doing Software Applications, Networking and General. Well done Margaret!

Get Up & Go searches for Australia's most adventurous senior

The 2006 *Get Up & Go* Magazine Award, an annual, nationwide search for Australia's most adventurous senior, has been launched by *Get Up & Go*, the official Seniors Card travel magazine.

"The *Get Up & Go* Magazine Award celebrates inspiring individuals who refuse to let age be a barrier," *Get Up & Go* Editor-In-Chief, Bobbi Mahlab said. "We are calling for entries from seniors who are making the most of their mature years by challenging themselves with new travel experiences."

Any Australian senior can be in the running to win the Award, as long as they are aged over 60 and an Australian citizen or permanent resident. They can nominate themselves or be nominated by a friend or family member.

Last year's winner, 67-year-old Noni Gove, from Sydney, impressed judges with her daily surfing and tai chi, as well as her amazing travel adventures, including skinny dipping in icy mountain streams in Canada, teaching English in Thailand and trekking in China. "You can't let your age get in the way of an active, fun-filled life," Noni said. "If you've got an adventurous story to tell, make sure you enter."

For the chance to win the title and a trip for two to China, courtesy of China Holidays and Malaysia Airlines, entrants simply need to describe a travel adventure they have had since they turned 60 and what that led them to travel. Runners-up will receive a KORJO travel essentials pack. Entry details are available in *Get Up & Go* magazine, or by visiting www.getupandgo.com.au Entries close 30 July and the winner will be announced in the September 2006 (spring) issue of *Get Up & Go*.

Get Up & Go, the official Seniors Card magazine, is full of practical information for mature travellers. It is available by subscription and on sale at leading newsagents nationwide for \$5.95. www.getupandgo.com.au

End of Financial Year Donations

Please remember ASCCA if you are considering making a charitable donation before the end of the financial year.

ASCCA is a Public Benevolent Institution and donations over \$2 are tax deductible!

ASCCA does not receive core funding and is most grateful to our sponsors who enable us to employ two of our three part time staff. Project funding and donations also help us to continue to assist seniors to learn how to use technology.

ASCCA is run by seniors for seniors and more than 2000 volunteers in Seniors Computer Clubs have enhanced the lifestyle of more than 100,000 seniors throughout Australia. (Our contact details are on page 4!)

Inaugural Computing for Seniors, 1 day Forum

The inaugural *Queensland Computing for Seniors Forum* will be held at Ferny Grove High School on 30 September 2006. The Steering Committee, co-ordinated by Brad Ainge from the Pine Rivers Computer Club, is well advanced with its planning. It will be an information packed day designed especially for seniors to further their computer knowledge. They will have the opportunity to learn how to turn their computer from a techno beast into a friendly companion!

Mark the date in your diary and watch for further details!

Have you visited the ASCCA Website?

www.seniorcomputing.org Webmaster: Colin Ward

Members Meeting 14 June 2006

Members of Seniors Computer Clubs affiliated with ASCCA are invited to the next Members' Meeting to be held on level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney on 14 June 2006 from 10am to 2.30 pm.

Speakers confirmed for this meeting include Chris Dodds, ACOSS; Teresa Corbin, CTN; Maxine Compton, Telstra; Peter King, ASCCA and Suzana Vicentijevic, Central Queensland University. Abbreviated reports outlining ASCCA activities will also be presented.

Copies of the ASCCA *Guide to Interactive Communications* will be available for purchase. Please register by ringing 9286 3871 or emailing office@seniorcomputing.org to assist with catering for the light luncheon which will be provided during the meeting.

Show full Menus

You may have noticed that the menus of Microsoft Office programs – Word, Excel etc – normally show you only the most recently used commands; you have to click on the down arrow at the bottom of the menu to get the full list. You can easily change this behaviour. Go to Tools - Customise and choose the Options tab; check the box 'Always show full menus'.

From SeniorNet Ipswich



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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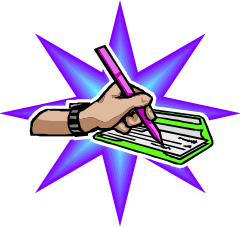
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- 14 June Members Meeting, 10.00 am, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. Speakers will address topics of interest and concern that were identified in the Telecommunications Survey conducted through Seniors Computer Clubs. See page 3
- 28 August Closing 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
- 30 Sept Inaugural Computing for Seniors 1 day Forum, Ferny Grove High School Auditorium, Ferny Grove Q'ld
- 9 Nov ASCCA Annual General Meeting. Winners of the 2006 ASCCA competitions will be announced

Regional Achievement and Community Awards

The Awards encourage, acknowledge and reward valuable contributions and outstanding achievements of individuals, networks and groups in regional and rural areas. The focus of the awards is small to medium size businesses, organisations involved in promoting the community through events and tourism, individuals providing leadership and initiative and community groups enhancing the social, economic, commercial and environmental prosperity of their region.

If your Computer Club is located in a rural or regional area **ASCCA** suggests you go to <http://www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA.html> You should consider entering for an award.

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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