

# Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

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## 'Live life' during NSW Seniors Week

NSW seniors are being encouraged to 'Live Life' during the largest festival in the Southern Hemisphere for older people, NSW Seniors Week from 2 - 9 April 2006. The NSW Seniors Week 2006 program offers seniors the opportunity to participate in over 500 events throughout NSW.

The Seniors Week 2006 program features some great new events, including Young at Heart - Sydney Seniors Film Festival, The Great Seniors Week Comedy Debate, Healthy Active Ageing events including cycling for seniors and laughter workshops, the National Trust Heritage Festival, Weereewa Rain Dance and specially created dance classes for seniors at the Sydney Dance Company.

Old favourites remain on the Seniors Week calendar including the highly popular Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concerts, Australian Pensioners Insurance Agency's Dance Across NSW tea dances, Walks, Talks Tours and Movies, Public Trustees TechnoSeniors, Elders Yarn Up and Mature Men Matter.

For further information about Public Trustees TechnoSeniors events organised by ASCCA and Senior Computer Clubs 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.

### Have you visited the ASCCA Website?

[www.seniorcomputing.org](http://www.seniorcomputing.org) Webmaster: Colin Ward

### Members' Meeting

A Members' Meeting will be held on Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney at 10.30 am till 2.30 pm on Tuesday, 14 March.

The meeting will include:

- The viewing of some ASCCA club entries in the Unlimited Potential Centres Commonwealth Games Competition - Realising Potential through Teamwork.
- The launch of the 2006 ASCCA competitions
- Introduction to the UP Portal by Margaret Tucker
- Photo Story 3 Demonstration by Peter Stanhope
- Discussion on the ASCCA Train the Trainer Manual by Peter Stanhope

RSVP by 6 March to [office@seniorcomputing.org](mailto:office@seniorcomputing.org) or 9286 3871 giving your name, the club you are a member of and your email contact details.

[We need numbers so that we can organise lunch for you!]

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**Time:** Several states have changed daylight saving transition dates to avoid conflict with the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. These changes mean some Microsoft products may be out of synch. A hotfix and more detailed information is available from Microsoft's Download Centre [www.microsoft.com/downloads](http://www.microsoft.com/downloads)

### February 13 to March 15 2006 is Scam Awareness Month,

run by a 17-agency strong Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce and will highlight four of the most common types of scams: lotteries, 'Nigerian' letters, phishing and cold-calling. The overarching message of the taskforce is; when a scam comes calling, *delete, destroy, hang up!*

Consumers who spot a scam of any kind can call 1300 302 502 to report it, and the ScamWatch website [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) will be regularly updated throughout the campaign.

This information has been prepared by the Australian Government in collaboration with fair trading and consumer protection agencies across Australia.  
*From Seniors Card February e-news.*

### Greypath offers free online courses

The Greypath Lyceum offers a growing list of free on line courses which are of particular interest to seniors.

Greypath's Lyceum is an 'e-universite' in the making. The Lyceum was a gymnasium near Athens and the site of a philosophical school founded by Aristotle.

Go to <http://www.greypath.com.au/Lyceum/index.htm> for details.

### A/Asian Consumer Fraud Taskforce

Telstra has become a partner to raise awareness about scams that are presented to consumers through various media including the Internet, mobile phone SMS, and door-to-door sales. Ever see a BMW X5 advertised for \$30k through online trading sites, or other "too good to be true offers"? The advice from Scamwatch is "Delete it, destroy it, hang up!"

If your organisation is involved in consumer protection/ education work then this is a good time to highlight the ACCC's site to your members. <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

More: <http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/corp/spotlight.cfm?ObjectID=221>

### Useful Hints

**W**hen entering the serial number for a program you're installing, use the number keys that are above the letter keys on your keyboard. Sometimes the numbers on the keypad at the right side of your keyboard are interpreted as different characters. This will prevent the serial number from being accepted even though it looks right.

**D**o you know the difference between **APPLY AND OK**. ? If you were to make an adjustment to a setting on your computer and you then click **OK** the adjustment would only last while the computer was on. When you reboot it would be back to the original setting. If you were to click **Apply** then **OK** the adjustment would be permanent.

**C**hange your home page:

- Open Internet Explorer
- Click on the *Tools* drop down menu and choose *Internet Option*
- In the resulting widow highlight your current home page address by placing the cursor at the end of the address- while holding down the left mouse button drag to the beginning of the address. Let go of the mouse button. Now type in address of the web page you want to have as your Home Page
- When complete click on *Apply* and then *OK*.
- Close Internet Explorer and the next time you open it on line you will have your new Home Page

*From Westlakes Club Corroboree Net # 235*

## Spotlight on Clubs:

### Mangrove Mountain Seniors Computer Club

Downstairs at the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club there is a large conference-type room. On the wall there is a Roll-of-Honour Board to those from the local community who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

There is also a collection of framed photographs and other memorabilia relating to members of the local community who served; about 275 frames in all. In addition, there is an "In Memoriam" book, donated by the parents of a local soldier who was killed in action in World War I. This book cross-references the photographs and recorded details of the personnel and other images. This collection is, with the passage of time, showing signs of deteriorating and in the worst case, such as a fire, however unlikely, all could have been lost.

The Mangrove Mountain Seniors Computer Club undertook the project of scanning the photographs and transcribing the "In Memoriam" book so that it could all be archived in a digital format that could be used to reproduce the photographs and information as of now at some time in the future, as and when it may be needed. The project was initiated by Ken West in collaboration with Joe Alexander. Ken is a Member of the MMSCC Committee and Joe is President as well as being President of the Mangrove Mountain RSL Sub-Branch.

Four laptop computers and scanners were employed. Each picture frame was removed from its place on the wall, its location was recorded, and the contents were removed for scanning. The frame and the glass were cleaned while scanning was done, and then the frames were reassembled and replaced on the wall.

Two sessions of about four hours each were allowed for the project but, due to the willingness of the twenty volunteers involved to keep going, it was completed on the first day, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

Some of the photographs require restoration due to condensation and just plain ageing. The commentary from the In Memoriam book requires updating if only because some of the terminology and acronyms that were commonplace at the time now require to be explained.

The project is ongoing but for now the images have been captured and preserved!

*Mangrove Mountain Seniors Computer Club is to be commended and congratulated for their efforts. Any historian will applaud the idea of preserving the precious history contained in those photographs and the "In Memoriam" book. Ed.*

### Has your Club undertaken an exciting project?

If your club has an exciting project and would like it considered for inclusion in "Spotlight on Clubs" why not write a short article about it and submit it to [nanboz@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nanboz@bigpond.net.au)

### ACIF Standardises Emergency Dialling on Mobile Phones

ACIF (The Australian Communications Industry Forum) has revised mobile phone standards to assist users dialling the emergency operator.

The revised standard requires that all mobile phones sold in Australia must be capable of dialling emergency services even if the handset is locked.

Go to:

[http://www.acif.org.au/about\\_acif/media\\_releases](http://www.acif.org.au/about_acif/media_releases)

*From CTN WebNews Edition #95*

### 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](http://www.seniorcomputing.org)

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

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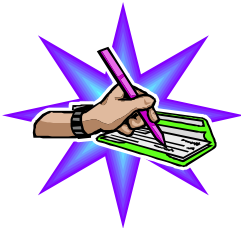
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## DIARY



14 March 10.00 am Members Meeting, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney (Registration, tea/coffee from 10.00 am)  
Launch of the 2006 ASCCA competitions for best Club Newsletter, Best Club Website and best Individual Digital Photographer

29 - 30 March CTN Conference: **Content, Convergence & Consumers**, Country Embassy, Level 44 Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street, Sydney. For more details, cost and registration go to <http://www.ctn.org.au/content.cfm?ContentID=183&ContentType=Content>

2 - 9 April NSW Seniors week— full details on website:  
<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](mailto:ian67@bigpond.net.au)

7 - 9 May Digital Photography & Family History Workshop—Kiama on the South coast of NSW. Email your expression of interest to the ASCCA office now on [office@seniorcomputing.org](mailto:office@seniorcomputing.org) or phone 9286 3871

### Lasers banish wear on LPs

The ELP laser turntable reads LPs and singles with lasers rather than a conventional pick-up and needle. Since there is no physical contact with the record's surface there is no wear, no set-up problems with tracking weight or arm alignment and no background noise.

The laser turntable from ELP in Japan comes in three models, starting at a whopping \$15,995! The turntable is distributed in Australia by Unique Sound & Vision.

<http://members.westnet.com.au/web/unique1>. Tom Pillans, *The Manly Daily* 17 February 2006

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