

Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

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The Fifth Annual General Meeting of
The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association, ASCCA,
will be held on Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney
on Thursday 9th November 2006 at 11.00 am
The meeting will receive and adopt the annual reports

Elect a new Board

The winners of the ASCCA Newsletter, Website and Digital Photography Competitions will also be announced.

For further details please contact 02 9286 3871
or asca@seniorcomputing.org

ASCCA was formed on 7 August 1998 and
became an incorporated association on 14 August 1998.
It became a not for profit company limited by guarantee
on 21 August 2001

ASCCA is a Public Benevolent Institution with
tax deductibility for donations over \$2

National E-Security Awareness Week

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, the Hon Helen Coonan launched the National E-Security Awareness Week and StaySmartOnline, a new government website designed to inform Australian online users about e-security basics.

The Awareness Week was held to heighten awareness of online security issues and inform home users and small businesses of the simple steps they can take to Stay Smart Online. Industry and community organisations worked together to develop the week.

ASCCA held two events to mark the week. Margaret Tucker, ASCCA Club Development Officer and Peter Stanhope, ASCCA Training Officer, ran most successful events at Bega and Bulli in New South Wales.

StaySmartOnline

The new e-security website <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/> offers practical advice and tips on e-security for home users, small businesses and families. Take a look at the site, try the quizzes, sign up for the free update service and get to know the practical steps you can take to stay smart online.

Seniors Portal—www.seniors.gov.au

Have you visited the Seniors Portal recently. There are many interesting pages! One of these is Living History which lets you take part in the story telling of Australian history by the Australian community. It is a chance to reflect on the events that shaped our nation or to recount the way Australians lived at that time. This section contains the memories of famous and ordinary Australians. The theme until the end of November is Natural Disasters. The true character of the Australian people has often been revealed in times of darkest crisis. It is when our communities have faced incredible hardship that the Australian people have banded together. Be it drought, flood, bushfire, cyclone, or earthquake, the harshness of the Australian environment has provided plenty of challenges to the Australian people.

For the months of September, October and November, Living History is exploring the environmental extremes that have brought communities to their knees, but have proven that we can rebuild, renew, and be stronger than before, when we work together. Go to www.seniors.gov.au and click on living History to find out how to make your contribution to Living History.

Did you know?

Older Australians are big contributors to the Australian economy. According to recent research by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, older people make valuable economic contributions through voluntary work, unpaid caring in their own household, for their family in other households and for non family members in the wider community. Recent government research has indicated that Australians aged 55 and over contribute almost \$74.5 Billion dollars per annum in voluntary and unpaid caring work to the economy.

When it comes to paid work, the benefits to the country of older workers being hired are also large. According to recent research, estimates are that if workforce participation by 55-70 year olds increased by 10 percent, all Australians could expect a 4 percent average per head income benefit, further negating any increases in healthcare.

Did you know that 9% of volunteers for the Sydney Olympic Games in 2002 were over 64? 36% of volunteers were aged between 45 -64. *These interesting statistics came from the Seniors Portal.*

AUSTRALIA'S MOST ADVENTUROUS SENIOR

Margaret Smith, 62, from Fennell Bay, NSW, has been named Australia's most adventurous senior as the winner of the annual Get Up & Go Magazine Award.

The Award is a nationwide search for the most adventurous Australian senior, run by Get Up & Go. At 62-years of age, Margaret was chosen from hundreds of entrants for her many adventures including mountain climbing and trekking all over Australia, South America, Antarctica, New Zealand and Patagonia.

As well as being a full-time carer for her husband, Margaret regularly does kayaking, canyoning, abseiling, bike riding, swimming and fishing trips and volunteer work. To keep fit, she walks 10–15 km each morning. And she shows no sign of slowing down any time soon – Margaret has just returned from trekking the Kokoda Trail for her 62nd birthday in August. Margaret wins a China Holidays and Malaysia Airlines trip for two to China.

"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.

Get Up & Go is the official national Seniors Card magazine. Published quarterly, the magazine is full of practical information for older travellers. www.getupandgo.com.au

News from State Records

State Records holds many tens of thousands of photographic images from the late 19th Century to the present, capturing life in New South Wales in much of its richness and diversity. The original formats of these images vary widely, from glass plates and lantern slides to 35mm negatives, colour transparencies and prints.

Their photographic digitisation program aims to bring many of these 'hidden' images to light, using the latest technologies. Where necessary, images appearing on Photo Investigator have had basic adjustment and manipulation for display purposes.

New additions to Photo Investigator include Maritime Services Board: Glass Negatives NRS 9856 listed in Archives Investigator. Search Photo Investigator today at <http://investigator.records.nsw.gov.au/asp/photosearch/introduction.htm>

This selection of images is from the Maritime Services Board glass negative collection. The images record the construction of wharves and adjoining facilities in Sydney Harbour, as well as housing and buildings in the Harbour area, including many of the warehouses. Also included are images of the many different types of ships and vessels which operated on the Harbour. This selection is a small portion of the series; a full listing is available.

State Records gratefully acknowledges the invaluable assistance of Mr. Graeme Andrews, OAM, in identifying and cataloguing the Maritime Services Board images; and the generous financial support (for the production of prints from the original glass plates) organised by Mr. Chris Stannard, OAM, through Sydney Heritage Fleet.

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Each time you access a website you have stored, don't forget that you need to click on the 'refresh' button so that any changes to the website since your last visit are updated.

A tip from EJP, Collaroy, thanks Lynn

The Telstra Consumer Consultative Council Annual Forum

'Consumer demand in the new communications age'

10am - 4pm
30 November 2006
Telstra Theatre, Level 1
242 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

More details nanboz@bigpond.net.au

An honour for Allen Brierley

Allen Brierley is a well-known and long-time member and volunteer at Computer Pals, Holroyd. Recently Holroyd Council honoured him by the naming of a park at Westmead as the Allen Brierley Reserve. Allen was an Holroyd Alderman and Councillor for 25 years, between 1953-56 and then from 1965-87. During this period, he sat on numerous Council committees and was a delegate to the Prospect County Council from 1977-80. Allen also owned and managed a drapery at Westmead for many years. No doubt he can tell us a few stories about local identities!

Allen was joined at the ceremony by four generations of his family.
Congratulations Allen

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

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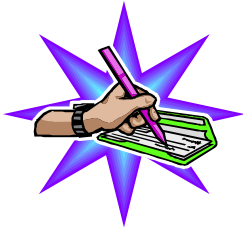
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9 Nov

ASCCA Annual General Meeting.

Presentation of annual reports, Election of Board members
Winners of the 2006 ASCCA competitions will be
Announced

14-15 Nov

2006 Making Links Conference

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre,
Sydney. <http://www.makinglinks.org.au>

Telstra Online Assistance Tool

http://www.telstra.com.au/webcollaboration_livechat/index.htm

Telstra's Online Assistance feature offers customers a convenient and easy way to communicate.

The feature invites existing and potential customers who are browsing certain telstra.com and bigpond.com web pages, to receive assistance via live online chat.

An invitation to connect and chat to a Telstra consultant appears in the form of a pop-up box or Online Assistance image on selected BigPond® Internet, Home Phone and Telstra Mobile product pages. Once you've accepted the invitation, the system engages the first available consultant and facilitates a 'live chat' session. This innovative service allows you to purchase Telstra solutions and get all your questions answered with a friendly chat.

Benefits of Online Assistance:

- ^a Convenient, quick & easy to use
- ^a One-stop-shop: get your questions answered and make a purchase
- ^a You can use the service without being a Telstra customer
- ^a You choose the products you want to discuss
- ^a Cut down on time spent in queues
- ^a Order products without the paperwork

No call costs - only standard Internet access charges.

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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