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



The inaugural *Queensland Computing for Seniors, 1 Day 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.

The Forum will be opened by Councillor Faith Hopkins, from Brisbane City Council. Speakers will include *Fran Warner* who is a trainer and newsletter editor at the Pine Rivers Computer Club. She has been "messaging around" with computers since before the advent of the PC, and describes herself as a Paint Shop Pro addict; *Nan Bosler* who is the president of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA); *Geoff Clarke* a Technology Specialist based in Brisbane who is responsible for helping Microsoft partners and customers understand how Microsoft's technologies can assist them in achieving their business goals.

Brian Korner has been messing with computers for many years. He trained originally as an industrial chemist, but in more recent years he worked in various technical sales roles in the chemical industry. Now retired, Brian's main interest is in spreadsheets, though the advent of digital imaging has rekindled his interest in photography; *Jim Short* who is a member and former president of Brisbane U3A. Jim will be speaking about the design of a lesson plan.

Margaret Tucker is ASCCA's Clubs Development Officer and immediate past president of Computer Pals for Seniors - Holroyd, in Sydney's western suburbs; *Paul Mann* an active member of the Genealogy Society of Queensland and chair of its Computer Interest Group since March this year; and *Ralph Masters* has been the IT Trainer and computer 'ex-spurt' for TOPAP (Toowoomba Older Peoples Action Program) over the past 6 years. He has seen a multitude of technological changes during his 25 years of involvement within the computing industry. Ralph's own IT business is now in its 14th year of operation.

Go to <http://www.seniorcomputing.org/qldforum/Registration.html> for more details about the speakers and their topics and to register.

Make enquiries by emailing qldforum@seniorcomputing.org or phoning (07) 3870 5493 after 6pm

SPONSORSHIP

The 8th Computer Conference for Seniors is being sponsored this year by both the Federal and State governments. We are grateful to the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care and the NSW Department of Commerce for their financial support.

The Queensland Computing for Seniors Forum has received sponsorship from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and the Queensland Dept of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors. **Without our sponsors, our conference fees could not be kept affordable for our member clubs and other interested seniors.**

Have you lost your clock or the quick launch toolbar?

Is your computer clock missing from your system tray? You don't know how it happened, but when you went to look at the time, there was nothing there. To find your clock go down to your system tray (this is where your clock usually sits, along with your sound icon and you may even have other programs like your antivirus setup down there too). Right click on any open area and choose **Properties**. This will bring up the Taskbar and Start Menu Properties box.

Toward the bottom, look for the message that says "**Show the clock**" and make sure that is ticked. Once done, click **OK**. This should automatically bring back your clock icon and you can then just double click on it to adjust the date and time. Welcome back, clock!

The 'Quick Launch' Toolbar is situated just beside the 'Start' Button on the bottom of the screen. This 'Tool Bar' allows you to 'one click' to open a particular program such as Internet Explorer (Big E). Sometimes it also disappears mysteriously. To get it back, right click anywhere on the bottom toolbar. Click on 'Toolbars' and then 'Quick Launch'. It should now have a tick. Click outside the window and your task bar should be back.

Thanks Westlakes

8th Australian Computer Conference for Seniors which will be held in Sydney on 5th & 6th September 2006 is BOOKED OUT!

Free Internet Safety Kit -Keep your Grandchildren safe

NetAlert is offering a free Internet Safety Kit that can be used at home. It is packed with tips and advice on how you can keep your family safe online. The Internet Safety Kit contains the following:

- ◇ Parent's Guide to Internet Safety
- ◇ Just some of the ways you can keep them safe on the Internet brochure
- ◇ Parent Power CD
- ◇ NetAlert Toolbox

It is easy to order your free Internet Safety Kit either on or offline. You can order your kit by ringing 1800 880 176 to place your order or go to the website to order online.

<http://www.netalert.net.au/03079-Free-Internet-Safety-Kit.asp>

Glimpse the future with TED

The following website that has a number of videos of presentations by high profile people in the world of technology and society. Called TED = Technology Entertainment Design. Check it out, though Broadband is pretty much a necessity due to content being video based. <http://www.ted.com/tedtalks/>

It has some absolutely fascinating glimpses of the future, of the use of technology in understanding world social trends etc. Apparently people pay US\$5000 to attend this conference each year, and we can now view the presentations for free! For example, it includes the following presentations:

- Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia
- Ross Lovegrove, part of the original design team of the Sony Walkman and Apple Mac
- Nicholas Negroponte, One Laptop per Child campaign
- Al Gore, global warming
- David Pogue, NY Times technology columnist
- Hans Rosling, visual presentation of world health trends data (can PowerPoint's ever be the same?)

Thanks Robert

Tasmanian Seniors Week.

Linking Tasmanian Seniors, in conjunction with their Sponsor, Telstra Country Wide, will be having events in Hobart and Launceston coinciding with Seniors Week in October.

Northern Tasmania

Computing for Seniors, Tuesday 3 October, 10:30 - 12:30 pm

Learn basic computer and internet skills and see how to set up and use a projector.

Demystifying the 3G, Tuesday 3 October, 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Your opportunity to find out more about Telstra's new national 3G network and what it can do for you.

Punchbowl Christian Centre, 100 Punchbowl Rd, Punchbowl

Bookings required by Tuesday 26 September

Phone: 6344 6430 or Email: linkingseniors@bigpond.com No charge

Southern Tasmania

Connecting to the Internet

Wednesday 4 October 10:30 - 11:30am or Thursday 5 October 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Understanding the internet for new and intermediate users. How do you get connected? What is the best solution for you? Why use the internet?

Demystifying Mobile Phones

Wednesday 4 October 1:30 - 2:30 pm or Thursday 5 October 10.30 - 11.30 am

Are you having trouble using or getting the best from your mobile phone? Then this session is for you! The use and operations of a mobile phone will be covered in this informative hour.

Telstra Centre, 70 Collins St, Hobart

Bookings required by Tuesday 26 September

Phone: 1800 687 829 or Email: linkingseniors@bigpond.com or hobart-southerntas@countrywide.telstra.com No charge

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

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 10.30 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

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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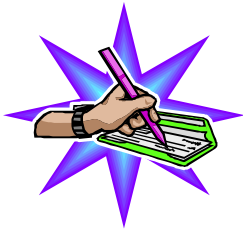
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5—6 Sept 8th Computer Conference for Seniors,
Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney
<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/conference2006/Registration.html>

26 Sept Closing date for OPSO People's Choice Media Awards
For more details go to www.seniors.gov.au or
www.opso.com.au

30 Sept Inaugural Computing for Seniors 1 day Forum,
Ferry Grove High School Auditorium, Ferry Grove Q'ld
<http://www.seniorcomputing.org/qldforum/Registration.html>

23-27 Oct National E-security Awareness Week

9 Nov **ASCCA Annual General Meeting.**
Presentation of annual reports,
Election of Board members
Winners of the 2006 ASCCA competitions will be
announced

The Stories behind the names of famous companies

5. GOOGLE

The name started as a jockey boast about the amount of information the search-engine would be able to search. It was originally named 'Googol', a word for the number represented by 1 followed by 100 zeros. After founders - Stanford graduate students Sergey Brin and Larry Page presented their project to an angel investor, they received a cheque made out to 'Google'

6. APPLE COMPUTERS

Favourite fruit of founder Steve Jobs. He was three months late in filing a name for the business, and he threatened to call his company Apple Computers if the other colleagues didn't suggest a better name by 5 o'clock

7. ADOBE

The name came from the river Adobe Creek that ran behind the house of founder John Warnock.
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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