

**Make plans NOW to attend our 14th ASCCA Computer Conference for Seniors**

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Hon. Susan Ryan AO,  
Age Discrimination  
Commissioner,  
Australian Human  
Rights Commission



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Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 November 2012 - at Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW. The ASCCA Annual General Meeting & Competition Presentations will be held at the conclusion of the first day of the Conference on Tuesday 13 November 2012.

The plans for another exciting and informative ASCCA conference are being finalized and the last of our varied and topical presenters are being "locked in" to complete the program which will be available on the ASCCA Website very soon.

The Hon Susan Ryan AO, our very busy and supportive Age Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission will be a keynote speaker, talking about *"Building on the successes of the Seniors Computer Clubs: how we can take it to the world"*. The Commissioner has just returned from the third Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Ageing in New York. This is a United Nations working group which was established in 2010 with the purpose of strengthening and protecting the human rights of older people. Susan Ryan was appointed as Australia's first Age Discrimination Commissioner on 30 July 2011 for a five year term.

What a wonderful opportunity for us to hear what is happening. On the first day of the OEWG, our Commissioner spoke at length as part of an expert panel session on age discrimination.

David and Cora Num from EuroSCUG, who have both given excellent and topical presentations in the past, will join forces during one of our interesting concurrent sessions to ask; *"Am I smart enough for my smartphone?"* They will offer tips and tricks for: Books, music, family history, cloud synching, scanning, GPS, grandchildren entertainment, travelling; and managing apps, battery, screen capture/layout...

As a keynote speaker, Cora Num will also give us the benefit of her enormous expertise in the area of Genealogy by sharing, *"The way I work: Then and Now"* so we can learn to get the most from our computers and technology for our family history research.

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## ASCCA NOTICE BOARD

1 - 8 September - Adult Learners Week - Theme, "Literacy: Connecting and Learning through Technology"

Monday, 3 September - ASCCA will hold a half day Seminar to celebrate Adult Learners Week

3 September 2012 - ASCCA Competitions for 2012 close 4.00 pm.

1 October - 7 October 2012 - Seniors Week Tasmania

7 October - 14 October 2012 - Victorian Seniors Festival 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11 November - 18 November 2012 - Seniors Week Western Australia

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Cora & David Num



Bharath Mohan



Howard Bashford

### Everyone enjoys themselves at the Conference

Once again Microsoft will provide us with welcome help in the person of **Bharath Mohan**, who is a Windows Client Expert and will tell, "*The Windows Story: Windows 8, Devices and Skydrive*".

**Kim Phillips**, will present her moving "*Spirits of Gallipoli*" Project which aims to return every Australian soldier who died at Gallipoli, to his family. Kim has dedicated herself to this project for 11 years and will show how you may research your soldier—perhaps you have not even discovered him yet.

For those who wish to explore all kinds of online shopping, we have **Stuart Jones**, Director - SecurE-Commerce to show you "*How to buy online with confidence & security*" and for those who would like to learn more about effective searching and buying on eBay **Patrick Luetjens**, senior Manager of Consumer Selling will guide you through "*How to buy & sell on eBay*".

If you are looking for a more secure alternative to Facebook you will be interested in hearing from **Howard Bashford**, co-founder of the **FinerDay** free and secure social networking site. He will also provide an insight of how

social networks will be able to support healthcare.

This is just a sample of some of the exciting presentations we have in store for you at our 14<sup>th</sup> ASCCA Seniors Computer Conference - then of course there will be the lovely sit-down lunch each day in the dining room and the meeting up and exchanging of ideas with old friends from clubs all over Australia.

We are excited to say that we have had a number of clubs enter our ASCCA Competitions for the first time this year and we have hopes of being able to make presentations in person to winners from all over Australia at our Annual General Meeting which will take place at the end of the first day of the conference.

If you go to the ASCCA Website now you can click on the link to the conference for all the details on booking your place and the easy methods for online or mailed bookings and payments.

<http://www.ascca.org.au/>

**Keep watching the Website for updates as the program is confirmed and discover what other interesting speakers we have in store for you.**

## Seniors helping Seniors in Walpole, W.A.



**Afternoon tea - Walpole Calendar Girls and Hon. Terry Redman MLA**

Walpole is a small town with a population of under 500, located on the south coast of Western Australia. The Walpole Seniors Computing Group, is an ASCCA member Club with a difference. This small group of around 15 local residents, meets each week under the umbrella of Walpole Community Resource Centre, to learn the complexities of computer technology.

Walpole CRC Executive Officer and ASCCA Board Member, Jennifer Willcox leads a team of Volunteer Tutors; sometimes with the added assistance of any of the three Trainees currently undergoing Certificates in Business with the CRC. Together they provide tuition in whatever is of interest to the members. The younger Trainees are especially helpful when mobile phones are purchased.

In the past the Seniors have created electronic presentations in Microsoft Photostory of significant holidays and more recently dedications—to close relatives—and some have even created an electronic version of "This is my Life" with the thought that it may be played at their funeral as a sort of self-eulogy, when the time comes. It has been difficult trying to continually meet everyone's expectations in the learning arena—with there being different levels of skill and interest. With this in mind the idea earlier this year of producing a Calendar was raised and quickly took hold.

It had been a long time identified need within the community of Walpole and surrounds that Aged Care facilities be provided for the ageing population. Over 60% of the population are seniors.

Being a rural area, once the "oldies" moved off the farms to make way for younger, stronger family members to carry on the family heritage, the seniors took up accommodation in town—closer to access shopping (for what it is),

activities especially provided to keep the seniors activity engaged and, of course, medical facilities.

However, there often comes a time when the senior members of our society are no longer capable of looking after an entire house on their own—with the associated lawns to mow, gardens to tend, windows to wash, carpets to vacuum, etc, etc. And so the Walpole and Districts Seniors Accommodation Project was borne out of this need. It has been seven years since inception, with almost insurmountable hurdles to overcome; problems like land acquisition, grant applications, community acceptance and acknowledgement, design consultation, permits—and of course—fundraising.

All boxes are ticked and construction is currently underway.

Walpole Seniors generally contribute greatly to the community and there are a number of activities provided just for them—Monday is the community bus trip of 120km to Manjimup for swimming in the heated pool; Tuesday morning is Weight Watchers and in the afternoon is Autumn Club where board games or indoor bowls are enjoyed; Wednesday is Seniors Activity day where every second week the community bus takes them on an outing to another town or activity, while on the alternate weeks a lovely cooked lunch is provided, followed by games or a movie, before Brad the physiotherapist takes them through low impact exercises; Thursdays are Computer Group at the CRC; Fridays are often shopping or appointments in Albany where the community bus takes them in the other direction for the 120km drive to Albany. **That leaves the weekend to recover and get ready for another busy week in little ol' Walpole!**

Over the years the Seniors themselves have undertaken assistance with fundraising towards various community projects that affect them — initially to acquire the community bus and more recently towards the Seniors Accommodation Fund.

Jams and pickles and knitted scarves seem to be their specialties, with cakes thrown in for good measure. The Walpole Calendar girls, as we at the CRC now call them, thought this new project was a bit different and felt that profits from the sale of the Calendars produced will be donated towards the fitting out of the unit that

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will be used as a central meeting place in the accommodation cluster.

The benefit of producing the Calendars through the CRC is that small quantities can be printed and bound in-house and when they are sold out another batch can be produced—thereby not outlaying large sums of money for a huge quantity that may not sell-out. Just recently one gent has joined the ranks of the Seniors Computing Group and as all the months had been allocated he was given the cover. Each lady worked, under guidance, in Microsoft Publisher 2010 designing the month grid and then contributed a photo depicting something local in the area of flora or fauna. The result is an excellent collection of vivid photos, uniquely Walpole in flavour, that will be a great promotion of Walpole's diverse wilderness nature when hung on walls, doors and pantries around the country. The calendars will make great gifts and would be inexpensive to post to family and friends. Many people who have visited Walpole have indicated they would like to have one, firstly as a calendar and then secondly as a keepsake.

Thanks Jenny for this lovely story about the Seniors Computer Group at the Walpole CRC - we really admire the energetic way they embrace life and help the Seniors—and indeed all the people of the local community.

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**Walpole's Creative Calendar Girls**
**A lateral thinking lawyer in defence of an accused iPad thief**

**Have we opened up another legal minefield with all our clever new technology? How much money will be wasted fighting legal battles and setting precedents?**

The latest *ACCAN Newsletter* reports a story from Canberra about a man who used *Find My iPad via iCloud* to track down his stolen iPad. This victim of theft is now being accused of "digital trespass by radio wave" by the lawyer for the defence of the alleged thief.

*The Canberra Times* and *Gismodo Australia Website* reported that the iPad owner went twice to the alleged thief's house after ascertaining the GPS location via the Find My iPad app. He was apparently not satisfied with the initial response from the police to whom he reported the crime and the location of his stolen iPad. The second time the man went to the townhouse he activated an alarm on the iPad. This traced the sound to the garage of the alleged thief's townhouse and after this, the police went to the property and discovered not only the missing iPad, but other stolen property

as well. This led to charges of theft being laid.

Although the Prosecutors called the Defence theory of digital trespass via radio wave "absurd" - and although we have probably laughed while reading about this trial which has not yet concluded; it could ring alarm bells if we consider the range and capabilities of those clever - and now often considered indispensable Wi-Fi devices so many of us carry with us every day. At least the defence lawyer was thinking laterally in coming up with that interesting counter claim.



This story is perhaps a little reminiscent of the need to insure oneself against the possibility of a thief with all your jewellery tucked into his bag stumbling on your cracked path and successfully suing you for damages for his injuries.

## ASCCA, Microsoft & Westlakes Seniors Computer Club ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Seminar

**Westlakes Seniors Computer Club** at Cooranbong hosted a very successful Cyber Safety Seminar, entitled "**ThinkUKnow**" on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. This was a joint **Microsoft** and **ASCCA** event, attended by members from Westlakes, Maitland, Eastlakes, and Newcastle Seniors Computer Clubs. The presenter was the Project Officer - Crime Prevention - High-Tech Crime Operation - of the Australian Federal Police.

This was an important session where topics including, Online Grooming, Cyber Bullying, Inappropriate Content, Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft were covered by the experts. Some of the facts were indeed surprising. It was interesting to hear that cyber bullying does not apply only to the younger generations. This reinforces the importance of a good working knowledge of using the internet confidently and safely.

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/>

ThinkUKnow is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia using a network of accredited trainers.

As seniors and grandparents we can use our wisdom about the importance of our good name and our reputations to help guide our young people about the images and information posted on a social networking site which could damage their online reputation. Employers now use social networking sites to "research" job candidates. This may not affect young people now, but the content they post on the Internet today, could damage their future prospects.

It was also interesting to hear about the sophisticated and elaborate frauds that have led to heavy financial losses; not as we might think, by fools or careless and gullible people, but by experienced and inexperienced investors alike.

Organised criminal groups are attracted to the high levels of superannuation and retirement savings in Australia. The Australian economy is known to have been less affected by the global financial crisis than other nations, making those approaching retirement an attractive target. These losses not only affect individuals—they can also have a profound negative impact on the Australian economy.

## Vale Neil Armstrong - Fitting tributes to a humble Hero of our time



"**Neil Armstrong** was among the greatest of American heroes – not just of his time, but of all time. When he and his fellow crew members lifted off aboard Apollo 11 in 1969, they carried with them the aspirations of an entire nation. They set out to show the world that the American spirit can see beyond what seems unimaginable – that with enough drive and ingenuity, anything is possible. And when Neil stepped foot on the surface of the moon for the first time, he delivered a moment of human

achievement that will never be forgotten." – **President Barack Obama**.

"**Neil Armstrong** was a very personal inspiration to all of us within the astronaut office. His historic step onto the Moon's surface was the foundation for many of our personal dreams to become astronauts. The only thing that outshone his accomplishments was his humility about those accomplishments. We will miss him as a friend, mentor, explorer and ambassador for the American spirit of ingenuity." – **Bob Behnken, Chief of the NASA Astronaut Office**.

"As long as there are history books, **Neil Armstrong** will be included in them, remembered for taking humankind's first small step on a world beyond our own. Besides being one of America's greatest explorers, Neil carried himself with a grace and humility that was an example to us all. When President Kennedy challenged the nation to send a human to the moon, Neil Armstrong accepted without reservation. As we enter this next era of space exploration, we do so standing on the shoulders of Neil Armstrong." – **Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator**.

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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 forward it to them. It is of interest to each member of every club, not just Committee members.

The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website: - [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au) You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of ASCCA is required.

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 ASCCA membership  
Up to, and including, 40 members - \$110 Incl. GST  
Over 40 and up to 100 members - \$150 Incl. GST  
Over 100 members - \$250 Incl. GST  
Corporate Membership also welcome.

If you fit one of those categories and are interested in joining ASCCA please go to our website [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au) or email [office@ascca.org.au](mailto:office@ascca.org.au) to find out how to start a club or read some of the advantages of joining ASCCA if you are an existing club.

An Application Form is available on the website.

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## Welcome to Camden Haven's Tech Savvy Seniors Club

The Camden Haven Community College Tech Savvy Seniors Club at Laurieton is the newest club to join us as an ASCCA member club. This club is made up of seniors with a common interest in developing their computer skills in order to feel comfortable using the new technologies to access online information, interests and services and to interact with family, friends and other seniors within the community. **Welcome to ASCCA!**



The beautiful Camden Haven region is on the NSW east coast around 380 kilometres north of Sydney and includes Laurieton, North Haven, Bonny Hills, Lake Cathie, Dunbogan, Kew, Kendall and Diamond Beach. The Laurieton area was home to the Birpai people before European settlement.

Nostalgia and a perceived likeness to the mountains in Captain Cook's native Yorkshire suggested the name "the Brothers" for the three significant mountains in the area. Laurieton, which is the largest town in the district, lies at the base of North Brother Mountain and at the mouth of the Camden Haven River. This provides a delightful

setting of lagoons and waterways with views of bushland and coast.

John Oxley explored this beautiful area on foot in 1818 prior to the first settlement by Europeans in the early 1820s. The Port Macquarie convict settlement was established in 1821 and this resulted in a small garrison of soldiers being available nearby to recapture any escaped convicts. More settlers were gradually attracted to the region.

Joseph Laurie J.P. (1832–1904) moved from Taree in 1872 and took charge of the Post Office when it opened in that year. He and his brothers Andrew and Alexander also had timber interests in the area which was previously known as Peach Orchard or Peach Grove (sources differ). The name of the settlement changed in recognition of the Laurie family's local influence.

By 1886 Laurieton had 4 timber mills operating in the vicinity and other businesses were established.

Today, the Camden Haven region has become an affordable and popular place for families to enjoy their holidays. The beautiful waterways and near perfect all year round climate ensures a plethora of holiday activities are available. Those lucky enough to live there are able to enjoy a good year round holiday lifestyle.