

Annual Report for 2015

In 2015 we have carried on projects begun in 2014 in the use of IT by senior citizens

On a volunteer basis, we have continued to run a successful program creating computer kiosks and running weekly sessions to increase digital literacy among residents of three aged-care facilities in the Shoalhaven region: the Basin View Masonic Village, IRT Sarah Claydon at Milton and IRT St Georges Basin. We have also completed research into how and why older people use computers and the contribution this makes to their wellbeing.

Our publications of this research are:

An opinion piece in Aged Care Insite Blog: “Nurture seniors’ tech skills for everyone’s gain”
<http://www.agedcareinsite.com.au/2016/06/why-and-how-we-should-nurture-tech-skills-in-seniors/>

An article in Educational Gerontology “[Enhancing the Wellbeing of the Elderly: Social Use of Digital Technologies in Aged Care](#)” by *Helen Hasan and Henry Linger*
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03601277.2016.1205425>

Publicity on the University of Wollongong News entitled “Growing Old Gracefully”
<http://stand.uow.edu.au/growing-old-gracefully/>,

H. Hasan & C. Alcock, “Information systems for the social well-being of senior Australians”, *Building Sustainable Information Systems: Proceedings of the 2012 International Conference on Information Systems Development*. Springer New York, United States, (2013) 89-100.
<http://ro.uow.edu.au/ahsri/214/>

Alcock, C., Burgess, L. & Hasan, H. (2014). Connecting isolated senior citizens: illustrating the complexity of social information systems development. In H. Hasan (Eds.), *Being Practical with Theory: A Window into Business Research* (pp. 126-130). Wollongong, Australia: THEORI.
<http://ro.uow.edu.au/buspapers/424/>

Related to this work, ATUL has conducted usability tests of the Dementia Illawarra and Rethink Respite websites among older users. These were created as part of research conducted at the University of Wollongong in conjunction with Alzheimer’s Australia. See the websites at <http://dementiaillawarra.com/> and <http://www.rethinkrespite.com>