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Highly successful IT Expo explores options and networks for seniors

'Congratulations to COTA on the IT Expo. It was excellent... helpful people and useful information...it cut through the usual difficulties we all have in gouging out the information we need from the appropriate organisations ...'

This was one member's feedback about the highly successful Information Technology Expo COTA Seniors Voice held on Friday 16th October. Over 150 people attended throughout the day, one of our largest member forums in

recent years. Organisations and businesses provided stalls that included internet service providers, computer clubs, mobile phone companies, technology to assist people to stay in their homes and much more.

Flinders University Medical Devices Assistive Technology Program, surveyed people to see what technology older people would like to see developed to assist them in their daily lives.

Prizes were donated by Telstra, Safe at Home, RSB, Connecting Up Australia, and ACS PC Recycling.

MC for the Expo was Mr Jim Giles AM, Chair, COTA Seniors Voice Policy Council.

Presentations included Older People & Information Technology, MANA: A Memory, Appointment and Navigation Assistant, information about local library IT services, on line access to care services

COTA Seniors Voice will be telling government that older people must have access to Information Technology to ensure that they are active, informed and included participants in the digital age.



Above - looking for a recycled computer?



Above: City of Tea Tree Gully Library representatives



Above left: Kathy Caddick, Berri Computer Club



"The bonus in this kind of Expo is the opportunity to talk to so many people who may prove to be interested in either joining in with an existing club or forming a new one in a different area. Then, if there is time, discussion with people representing a wide variety of other organisations at such an event can also prove to be beneficial."

Kathy Caddick, Berri Computer Club
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Kathy tells that is is 14 years since COTA had loaned the Berri Club its first computer, but since those first nervous days Berri Members have learned many exciting computer skills including keeping in touch with family and friends using Skype, and using sewing machines and laptops to produce wonderful creative textile items.

Winners on the Day

IT Survey Prize Winner

William & Dulcie Stanton
12 months COTA Membership
by COTA Seniors Voice

Rhonda Kellie
Recycled Computer
provided by ACS PC Recycling

Lyn Moxsted
Recycled 15" LCD Screen
provided by ACS PC Recycling

Sandra Hutchinson
Wireless Connection
provided by Telstra

Lui Di Venuto
iPod provided by Connectingup
Australia

Joan Shannon
Talking Scales
provided by Royal Society for
the Blind

Kristina Barnett
Monitored Alarm
by Safe at Home