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Seriously Tech Savvy Seniors in Alexandrina

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Alexandrina Libraries have released the third and last instalment of the highly successful Tech Savvy Seniors program. Starting on 17 September and running for six weeks, it will introduce how to share and attach photos, and will focus on the mySAGov app for vehicle registrations and licences. Participants will also learn about using Windows 10.

The Tech Savvy Seniors program, supported by Telstra, Libraries of SA and the Government of South Australia, offers residents aged 60 and over, free digital literacy training sessions to propel them into the online world, bringing them up to speed with using phone, tablets and online services, while increasing their confidence with online technology.

Confident online access and being a self-determined digital citizen, not only connects users with family members and information from around the globe, but also offers personal empowerment. Participants will experience digital freedom through the ability to independently navigate a range of important services.

Since the program was launched in June this year, Alexandrina Libraries have offered 31 sessions and trained a total of 158 participants.

These sessions are FREE and are held at both the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Libraries.

The 2016 Census showed us that 77% of homes in Alexandrina had an internet connection, 7% above the regional SA average, suggesting we are than ready to be tech savvy.

The Australian Digital Inclusion Index measures Australian's access to digital information technology and general digital affordability and ability. It has found that over 3 million Australians are still not online, restricting their access to a wealth of information and services. South Australians currently sit below the Australian average on the Index and programs such as Tech Savvy Seniors can help bridge the digital divide and connect more seniors to their friends, families and wider community.

Spaces are limited for the next program, so to book your place or find out information, please call 8555 7000 or go to www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries and click on the Tech Savvy Seniors image.