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President's Message

I've been thinking about how much our Club offers besides our program of courses – field trips, meetings, social activities and newsletters. I hope you agree that we offer good value for your money!

I found the visit to the 3D Printing Studio fascinating: how lucky we are to have this innovative business so close to us in Parramatta. I missed lunch at the Sicilian Restaurant afterwards but heard good reports. Thank you to Kathryn for organising the day so efficiently.

We have some more interesting guest speakers lined up over the next few months. In June Mark Young from ASCCA (Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association) will be telling us about Microsoft's free online services like Outlook.com, Office Online, OneDrive and how they integrate with Office 365 and Office for iPad. In July Phil Mallon has agreed to talk about "the Internet of Things" - connecting via internet to Early Warning Network, house lights and even plants. And in August we have Leonie Smith, the CyberSafety Lady, to help us be safe when using the internet.

We're also going to take some time during our June meeting to talk about how the Club operates, and to ask you for suggestions for new courses.

There are a few Committee decisions to share with you from our meeting this week. We decided it was a bit mean to make people joining in June pay \$10 for their annual membership, and then have to pay another \$20 at the end of June, so from now on if a new member joins in June, we will just ask them to pay \$20 for the new financial year's membership. (And by the way, reminder emails/letters about renewing your annual membership – still only \$20 – will be coming your way shortly.) We also confirmed our policy that Club trainers do not go to members' homes to provide one to one training, as they will not be covered by our Volunteer Insurance.

Keep learning!

Deborah



Enjoying lunch at the Sicilian Restaurant

Recent Outings

Visit to 3D Printing Studio and Lunch at the Sicilian Restaurant

The visit to the 3D Printing studio in Darcy Street, Parramatta was attended by approximately 30 members who had the opportunity to see some of the printers in action, as well as hearing an interesting talk by the proprietor Howard Wood. Towards the end of the visit, Audrey Brinkman had an unfortunate fall which required the ambulance service to be called, and a trip to Westmead Hospital.

Deborah and one of the staff members gave Audrey first aid, and Deborah visited Audrey in hospital. Fortunately, Audrey has recovered from this event.

After the visit to the studio, about 18 members enjoyed lunch at the Sicilian Restaurant in Church Street.

Many thanks to Kathryn Akhurst for organising this event.

If members have any suggestions for future visits, please put them in the Suggestion Box in the Club's Office.

Handy person required for Club Project

Is there a member who can assist PCPS with a carpentry job?

We need to remove the door to the Training Room and re-hang a sliding door. If you can help in this way, please contact Deborah Martin on 0417 817 587 or on the club phone 9806 5030.

New Members for May

Welcome to the 6 new members who joined in May:

- Marie Bou-Francis
- David Elias
- Val Harrison
- Kevin Jones
- Annette Lemercier
- Pearl Weir



Hazel presents John Alexander (guest speaker at the May Meeting) with a Club Mug

New Technology

John Hain has recommended the following website for members. It is a transcript of a discussion about Google going into the car manufacturing business.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=316486989>



Example of the self-driving car proposed by Google (©Google images)

Speakers at Future Club Meetings

We have invited the following speakers

June: Mark Young (ASCCA) will speak about free Microsoft online services.

July: Phil Mallon – The Internet of Things

August: Leonie Smith – CyberSafety (Leonie will have copies of her manual on CyberSafety available to purchase)

Term 3 Courses

The Trainers and Assistant Trainers met on Friday 13th June to discuss and prepare the Timetable for Term 3. A copy of the courses available can be found on page 4.

Please Note: Bookings will **NOT** be taken until after the trainers have had a chance to contact all those on the waiting lists (around 25th June)

Courses Review

On Wednesday 2nd July Trainers will be meeting to Review Courses held by PCPS.

Suggestions for new courses or changes to existing ones are welcome from all members. Please leave any suggestions in the Suggestion Box in the office.

Strategic Planning Review

The Trainers and Assistant Trainers will be undertaking the Club's ongoing Strategic Planning Review on Monday 30th June from 9.30am in the Gwen Logan room.



Bev Pieremont and Carol Georges at the May Member's meeting



Audrey and Colin Biddle at the May Member's meeting

Assistant / Trainee Treasurer

As with any volunteer organisation, it is important to plan for future events and staff changes. John Lee has indicated that he intends to continue on as Treasurer for the next 12 months, but is interested in training another member in the role of the Treasurer for the future.

If you are interested in learning "the ropes", please contact John Lee at johnlee33@gmail.com . I'm sure he will look forward to hearing from you.

Course Schedule Term 3 2014

First half term

Day/Time	Dates	Course
Mon 9.30 – 11.45am	July 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11	Windows 8 for Beginners
Mon 1.15 – 3.30pm	July 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11	Word 2010
Tue 9.30 – 11.45am	July 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12	Scrapbooking in PPoint 2010 (updates)
Tue 1.00 – 3.45pm	July 15, 22, 29, Aug 12 (4 wks)	Windows 7 Beginners
Wed 9.30 – 11.45am	July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13	iPad for Beginners
Wed 1.15 – 3.30pm	July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13	Managing Your Digital Photos
Thu 9.30 – 11.45am	July 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14	Android Tablet for Beginners
Thur 1.15 – 3.30pm	July 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14	Windows 7 Beyond Basics

Second half term

Day/Time	Dates	Course
Mon 9.30 – 11.45am	Aug 18, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15	Windows 7 Beginners
Mon 1.15 – 3.30pm	Aug 18, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15	Moving to Windows 8 for experienced Windows Users
Tue 9.30 – 11.45am	Aug 19, 26, Sep 2, 9, 16	Scrapbooking in Ppoint 2010
Tues 1.00 – 3.45pm	Aug 19, 26, Sep 2, 16 (4 wks)	Excel 2010
Wed 9.30 – 11.45am	Aug 27, Sep 3, 10 (3 wks)	Facebook
Wed 9.30 – 11.45am	Sep 17 (1 wk)	Managing Your Digital Photos (Refresher)
Wed 1.15 – 3.30pm	Aug 20, 27, Sep 3, 10, 17	iPad Beyond the Basics
Thu 9.30 – 11.45am	Aug 21, 28, (2 wks)	Keeping Your Computer Happy
Thu 1.15 – 3.30pm	Aug 21 (1 wk)	eBay Buying
Thu 1.15 – 3.30pm	Aug 28 (1 wk)	Dropbox
Thu 1.15 – 3.30pm	Sep 4 (1 wk)	Evernote
Thu 1.15 – 3.30pm	Sep 11 (1 wk)	eBay Selling
Thu 1.15 – 3.30pm	Sep 18 (1 wk)	Google Drive

Book now at Reception 9806 5030 (club hours only) or with Michael Myers on 9801 1686 (h) There is no answering machine at the office

Course fees will be increasing in Term 3, 2014.

10 Hour Course \$45.00 (increase \$5.00)

6 Hour Course \$30.00 (increase \$5.00)

4 Hour Course \$20.00

2 Hour Course \$10.00

One to One training \$15.00/hour (increase \$5.00)

Meeting Dates Term 3

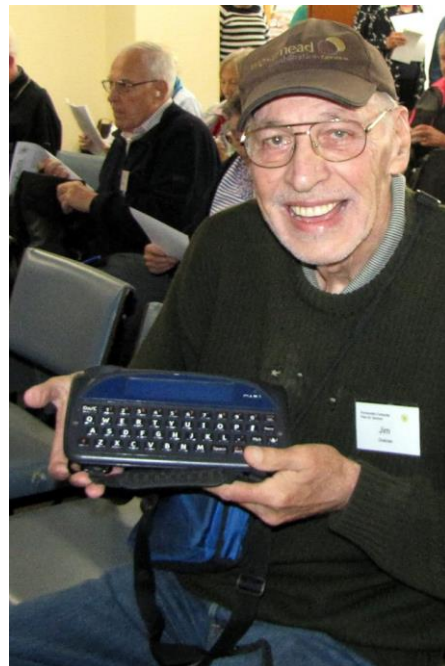
Monday 30 th June 9.30 am	Strategic Planning Review
Wednesday 2 nd July 11.30 am – 4.00 pm	Courses Review Meeting
Tuesday 1.00 pm 8 th July, 5 th Aug, 9 th Sep	Committee Meetings
Friday 9.30–11.30am 18 th July, 15 th August, 19 th September	Members' Monthly Meetings
Friday 22 nd August 1.00 pm	Trainers & Assist Trainers Planning Meeting
Friday 4 th July 12.00md	Social Lunch – Venue TBA

Special Interest Groups Meeting Dates Term 3

Friday 11 th July 10.30 am	Video/Film Making SIG
Friday 18 th July 1.00 pm	Genealogy SIG
Friday 25 th July 9.30 am	Crafts/Cards SIG
Friday 1 st August 9.30am	iPad/iPhone SIG
Friday 1 st August 1.15pm	Android Tablets SIG
Friday 8 th August 10.30 am	Video/Film Making SIG
Friday 15 th August 12.30 pm	Digital Photos SIG
Friday 22 nd August 9.30 am	Crafts/Cards SIG
Friday 5 th September 10.30 am	Video/Film Making SIG
Friday 19 th September 1.00 pm	Genealogy SIG
Friday 26 th September 9.30 am	Crafts/Cards SIG



Allan Zhang at the May meeting



Jim Grainda at the May meeting



Judy Joyce's iPad Safari class



The Craft and Cards SIG showcase their talents



Jim and Rosa Hajinakitis at the May meeting



Aileen Williams and Jenny Liang at the May meeting

Club blog

Treasurer and Assistant Trainer John Lee is publishing a blog called <http://parramattacomputerpals.blogspot.com.au/>

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A big thank you to John Lee for the great photos taken at the May meeting.



Helen Nagiel and Lyndell Neal at the May Meeting