

# ParraChatta

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## President's message

We have a busy week this week, with the ASCCA conference on Wednesday and Thursday and then our November meeting on Friday. Please note that the club will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday this week to enable trainers and members to attend the conference. There is an interesting line up of speakers and topics and I expect that we will bring back lots of new ideas to enrich the Club.



At our committee meeting last Tuesday we discussed future directions for our Club. There are not many names on the waiting list for 2015 courses so we're not sure what courses you want to do. We are also wondering whether our standard format of two hours a week for five weeks suits members or whether we should run more short courses. We have decided to find out what you want by running some focus groups. We hope that many of you will participate in a small group discussion where you

can tell us more about what you want to learn and how you want to learn. We hope to also involve ex-members of our club and other seniors.



Photos from conference 2009, 2011



Another way you can have a say in how the Club operates is to drop a note in the Suggestion Box. All suggestions are taken seriously by the Committee and most of them are put into practice.

Keep learning!

*Deborah*

## New members in October

Welcome to the following new members:

- Grace Frutschi
- Thu Lam
- Jiwan Panglee
- Judith Power
- Roseline Ravel
- Harry Saville

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## November meeting: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am

Our November speaker will be Nathan Turner from Parramatta City Library. He will update us about the Library's eBooks and how to borrow and read them.



As long as you are a library member, you don't even have to go to the library to borrow most eBooks – great for members who are recovering from operations or illness.

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## Christmas Party



Don't forget to bring your \$20 for the Christmas Party, being held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Parramatta Town Hall. 12.00 - 2.00pm.

Partners are most welcome. The RSVP cut off date for catering is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.



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## Successful AGM

Held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, we were very pleased to welcome about 70 members as well as our Lord Mayor Scott Lloyd, State member Geoff Lee, and Federal member Julie Owens. All three spoke whilst the votes for a new committee member were being counted.

John Moxon was the successful nominee. The Committee has decided to co-opt John Hain and Julie Nixon.

## Passing of Ron Taylor



After a long muscular illness and a cancer diagnosis this year, member Ron Taylor from Wentworthville passed away late last month. Ron was an enthusiastic club member and enjoyed a great friendship with treasurer John Lee who discovered they were distant cousins.

Prior to retirement, Ron was a motor vehicle accident assessor, and in active retirement a golfing enthusiast.

We will miss him at the club and made sure we were represented at his funeral.

Three years ago, we lost trainer Wayne Johnston to cancer, and since then former trainers John McGlenn (also to cancer) and Berniece Brierley.

We remember all of them with appreciation for their passion for volunteering.

## Committee decisions

- To apply for a grant to replace the club's current training Apple Macs, since they cannot be upgraded.
- To appoint a new publicity officer – currently filled by Margaret Moxon.

- To approve Kathryn Akhurst's suggestions for Christmas Party entertainment
- To approve Michael Myer's spending up to \$100 for shelving to replace the bookshelf.
- To purchase a refurbished laptop to replace the non-working secretary's laptop (used for administration).
- To run some focus groups as outlined in the President's report.

## Out and about

Member John Lee and his wife Josie are currently cruising around New Zealand with friends.



Hazel Labka and Deb are cruising and touring South America.

And we welcome back John Hain from Bangladesh – where he has been training local teachers – and Ron and Maureen Neilsen, our intrepid and regular grey nomads from yet another caravan trip.

## Term 4 2014 course schedule

Day/ Time	Dates	Course
Tues 1.15-3.30pm	Nov 18, Dec 2	Skype \$10
Tues 1.15-3.30pm	Nov 25	Trainers Special Interest Group - FREE
Wed 9.30-11.45am	Nov 26; Dec 3,10	Android Tablets – Beyond Basics \$30
Thurs 9.30-11.45am	Nov 27	eBay – Selling \$10
Thurs 9.30-11.45am	Dec 4	Apple Mac Refresher \$10
Thurs 1:15-3.30pm	Dec 4,11	Facebook – Advanced \$20

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answering machine at the office.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS

Date	Time	Event
Wed Nov 19	8.30 - 4.30 pm	ASCCA Conference Day 1
Thurs Nov 20	8.30 - 4.00 pm	ASCCA Conference Day 2
Nov 21	9.30 – 11.30 am	Monthly meeting
Nov 21	12.30 – 2.30 pm	Genealogy SIG
Dec 5	9.30 – 11.45am	SIG iPhones and iPads
Dec 5	1.00 – 3.15 pm	SIG Android Smart phones and tablets
Dec 12	10.30-12.45pm	Film making SIG
Nov 28	9.30 – 11.45am	Cards/Craft SIG
Thurs Dec 18	12.00-2.00pm	Christmas Party

You are encouraged to put your name on the **waiting list** for next year.

Don't forget that the old waiting list is being discarded this term since it includes members and enquirers who have been invited to undertake courses four or more times without taking up the offer. Starting afresh for 2015.

### Website

[www.parramattacps.org.au](http://www.parramattacps.org.au)

Note: If you would like to contribute photos about club activities for our newsletter, website or John Lee's blog, please contact one of us. We'd love a greater variety of contributions. Ed.

## Tips and Tricks

### Danger of cheap chargers

After at least one reported death in China last year, and the death of a Sydney woman in June, cheap phone chargers are not worth the risk.

It is false economy to spend up to \$1,000 on a mobile device and use a \$5 charger with it. The job of converting 240 volt AC current to 5 volt DC current is a complex one and cheap chargers may not have the internal insulation to protect you.

### Windows 8 Tip – Don't move the Screenshots folder

Windows 8 has a good new feature where holding the Windows key and tapping the Print Screen key saves a screenshot to the Screenshots folder inside the Pictures folder

Moving or renaming the Screenshots folder still means that the screenshots will go into it wherever it is. If you delete it, creating a new one does not work without some effort.

*Thanks to Mark Young at ASCCA for these tips.*

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## Useful websites

### Cyber Safety Lady



We now have a copy of Leonie Smith's Cyber Safety Manual in the club's library for any member to borrow.

Leonie was a popular speaker at a members' meeting a few months ago.

<http://www.thecybersafetylady.com.au>

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## Current committee

Deborah Martin (president)

Hazel Labka (vice president)

Silvia Vega (secretary)

John Lee (treasurer)

Michael Myers (training coordinator)

Judy Joyce, John Moxon (ordinary members).

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## A volunteer's blog

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

*A Volunteer at Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors*

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