

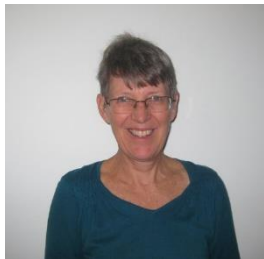
# ParraChatta



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### President's message



Our next member meeting is on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the UNE lecture theatre. We will be starting with a **Special General Meeting** (led by John Moxon) to change our Club Constitution so it complies with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and new Regulations. We have already had a couple of questions about the draft Constitution:

- The clause about “membership is intended for persons aged 55 years and over who reside in the Parramatta area” is unchanged from the old Constitution. It's worded this way because of the support we get from City of Parramatta. Members from outside the Parramatta area are also very welcome. We have never turned anyone away because of where they live!
- We are voting to either accept or reject the proposed new Constitution. If we reject it, the only alternative is to adopt the generic Model Constitution provided by NSW Department of Fair Trading.

On behalf of the Committee and the Club I want to thank John Lee, Colleen Burns and John Moxon, who formed the sub-committee that drafted the new Constitution so that it meets the legislative requirements and still includes everything that we want for our Club. John Lee has been a driving force behind this project and put a lot of time into getting this right and keeping everyone informed.



I heard that some people missed our July meeting because of confusion about the date. Although we are normally on the third Thursday morning of the month, sometimes UNE asks us to change the date because they need the lecture theatre for a class. Meeting dates are always in this newsletter and if we need to change it, we will let you know. I apologise to those people who had a wasted trip last month because they turned up a week later.

Also on the topic of the meeting: the Committee has been discussing whether we should continue to use UNE's catering (at \$2 a head for everyone attending the meeting) or go back to doing our own catering. Doing our own catering means extra work for our volunteers because we need to bring everything with us from the Club to the meeting and take it back afterwards. At the meeting on Thursday I will ask whether anyone is available to help with this on a regular basis and then the Committee will decide.

How quickly the year has gone! Our Planning Meeting for Term 4 courses is

### Monthly meeting on 17 August



Due to the Special General Meeting this month, there will be no guest speaker.

Do join us for the meeting and a super-duper morning tea, plus general information about booking courses, special interest groups and a Q & A. Not forgetting John Hain's Video of the month and a few belly laughs. It's this **Thursday** folks.

232 Church Street, Parramatta,  
opposite the old sandstone Post Office.

on Friday, so if there's something you want us to run please let Jon Bayley know. We have already set a tentative date for the Christmas Party on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. We are thinking about going out for Christmas lunch this year if we can find a suitable venue (accessible, affordable, close to public transport) so if you have a suggestion, pop it in the Suggestion Box.

And in the meantime, keep learning!

*Deborah*

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### New Members in July

Please make the following new members welcome and tell them about our extra activities and meetings.

- Amy Chan
- Mary Dunham
- John Enright
- Ana Fuentes
- Margaret Lynch
- Eddie Makki
- Sue Meredith
- Barbara Mitchell
- Lilian Newin
- Ian Watkins
- Virginia Williams

Although it is only the beginning of the financial year, **we already have 176 financial members**. This means that a record number of members have renewed their membership.

Thank you all for having faith in us.

## Suggestion box



Most of the suggestions this month have been about new courses.

*Suggestion 1.* Can we have a short course on DropBox and a practice session on video editing?

*Committee response:* Yes to both, if we can find trainers.

*Suggestion 2:* During our monthly meetings, can we stand for a few seconds?

*Committee response:* Yes, Dawne Zotz will organise.

*Suggestion 3:* Can we distribute to all members a list of all courses, not just those scheduled in the current term. And also, vacancies in courses.

*Committee response:* See the website (note: may need updating says webmaster) and also the newsletter. Vacancies are announced at the monthly meetings and are often notified to members in a general email.

*Suggestion 4:* Can we have more special interest groups on genealogy and DNA testing?

*Committee response:* Yes, if the demand is there and Margaret & John Moxon are available.

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## What is GoDigi?

GoDiGi is a national four year digital literacy program supported by Infoxchange and Australia Post. The goal is to support more than 300,000 Australians (including ageing community members) to improve their digital skills.

GoDiGi does this in various ways. One of the components is online learning guides. You can find these at <https://www.godigi.org.au/guides>

Topics include:

- How to use MyTax
- What is Ancestry.com
- How to use Dropbox
- How to link your Email to your Apple or Android device
- What is eBay
- How to find health information online
- How to get started with social media
- Managing your mobile data

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## Tech talk on DNA and Genealogy

Our pilot session was popular.



New member Sue with presenters.

## Holroyd Computer Pals closed

Sadly, remaining members of Computer Pals for Seniors at Wentworthville voted to close their club on June 28. CPS Holroyd was established in June 1999 and was

extremely helpful when our club commenced in 2007. Holroyd was one of the three clubs to offer our fledgling club resources, particularly training notes, in our early days. Wanda Day, their club secretary, was a speaker at our successful public meeting in the former Council Chambers Building on January 10, 2007.

Holroyd founding member Tom Robson, the most recent club president, stated that it was sad to close but that membership had dropped considerably in recent times, due to “all seniors being computer and tech-savvy” and the nature of the suburbs changing. They were also finding it difficult to

continually attract volunteers prepared to run the organisation.

So far, this has not been ParraPals experience. However, it is certainly true that seniors’ learning needs have changed greatly. Our Committee and trainers are constantly checking member interests, reviewing courses and the popularity of new technology including equipment, attracting seniors from many different cultures and running far more short courses than we used to.

These short courses demand greater effort in developing training notes, as our Training Co-ordinator, Jon Bayley, recently observed.

<b>Day/ Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Course</b>
<b>Term 3 2017 course schedule – remaining weeks</b>		
Mon 1:15-3:30	11 September	<b>Digital Editing Photo Practice</b>
Tues 9:30-11:45	22, 29 August, 5, 12, 19 Sept	<b>Apple Mac Beyond the Basics \$45</b>
Tues 1:15-3:30	15 August	<b>Scanning – User session \$5</b>
Tues 1:15-3:30	22, 29 August, 5, 12, 19 Sept	<b>Windows 10 \$45</b>
Wed 9:30-11:45	23, 30 August, 6, 13, 20 Sept	<b>Apple iPad Beyond the Basics</b>
Wed 1:15-3:30	16 August	<b>Tech talk: Spotify (streaming music) \$10</b>
Wed 1:15-3:30	23, 30 August, 6, 13, 20 Sept	<b>Windows 10 \$45 - FULL</b>
Thurs 1:15-3:30	24 August	<b>iPad and iPhone practice session \$5</b>
Thurs 1:15 – 3:30	25 August	<b>Android Practice Session \$5</b>
Thurs 9:30-11.45	31 August	<b>Using the Club’s scanner \$10</b>
Thurs 1:15-3:30	31 August	<b>Windows 10 Practice Session</b>
Thurs 9:30-11.45	7 September	<b>Windows 10 Practice Session (TBC)</b>
Thurs 9:30-11.45	21 September	<b>Office Assistant Training/Meeting</b>
Fri 1:15 – 3:30	1 September	<b>Apple Safari Practice Sessions</b>
Fri 1:15-3:30	22 September	<b>Windows 10 Photo App FULL</b>
Fri 1:15-3:30	6 October	<b>Tech talk: Windows Security</b>

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

Dates	Time	Event
Thurs 17 Aug, <b>14 Sept</b>	9:30 - 11:45 am	Members meeting at UNE. NOTE Sept meeting is 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday.
Thurs 17 Aug	1:15 – 3:30 pm	SIG – Digital Photography
Fri 18 Aug	9:30 - 11:45 am	SIG - Facebook
Fri 18 Aug	1:00 - 3:30 pm	Trainers Planning Meeting for Term 4
Fri 25 Aug; 22 Sept	9:30 - 11:45 am	SIG – Craft & Cards
Thurs 7 Sept;	1:15 - 3:30 pm	SIG – Android Tablets and Smart Phones
Fri 8 Sept, 6 Oct	9:30 - 11:45 am	SIG- Windows 10
Thurs 14 Sept	1:15 - 3:30 pm	SIG – Creative writing
Thurs 15 Sept	9:30 – 11:45 am	SIG - Google
Thurs 21 Sept	1:15 – 3:30 pm	SIG - eBooks
Fri 18 Aug	1:15 - 3:30 pm	Trainers Planning Meeting for Term 4

### What's the significance of this image?



This was the first image on the Internet.

Tim Lee-Berners, the creator of the World Wide Web, asked a colleague at the European Organisation of Nuclear Research for a photo he could use.

The picture he was given was of Les Horribles Cernettes, an all women group which took its name from the organisation, known as CERN, with

which the scientists were all associated. With a fan base mostly comprised of scientists, the singing groups' songs tended towards the scientific.

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### Tips and tricks

#### Team Viewer

At our July meeting Lawrence Lam demonstrated how you can use Team Viewer to give someone permission to control your computer remotely. This is useful when you need technical support to solve a problem because the person you ask for help doesn't need to come to your house to fix the problem.

Team Viewer is free for personal use. It needs to be installed on both computers – yours, and the computer of the person you have asked to fix your problem. Lawrence recommends installing it on

your computer now so it's available when needed. The other person only has access when you give them permission – you give them an ID and password generated by your computer.

To install Team Viewer, go to [www.teamviewer.com](http://www.teamviewer.com) and click on Download.

Be aware that some internet scams rely on similar software. Never give someone remote access over your computer unless you trust them, and you contacted them for help in the first place. If someone phones you out of the blue and tells you there is a problem with your computer that they need to fix remotely, don't believe them!

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## USB earrings



Vice president Dawne Zotz is one of our more crafty members. You may have noticed some of our female members sporting these earrings.

They really do work too. It's a great way to carry your files around.

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## Interested in astronomy?

If so, you can synchronize the solar system with your calendar.

Check this article from the New York Times.

[https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/science/astronomy-space-calendar.html?emc=edit\\_mbae\\_20170813&nl=&nid=24064422&te=1&r=1](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/science/astronomy-space-calendar.html?emc=edit_mbae_20170813&nl=&nid=24064422&te=1&r=1)

Spacecraft, satellites, eclipses of the moon, meteor showers and more.

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