

# ParraChatta



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### President's message



Bing led a trainers' forum last week, where trainers were able to make suggestions about how our club could

improve its service. Among the topics we discussed:

- How we can give more help to members who are not coping in class (one to one training; extra assistant trainers)
- Can we reduce the cost of one to one training (referred to Committee)
- Windows 10: WiFi connection to our Club's internet is slow (**please turn off your mobile device's WiFi when visiting the Club, so it doesn't connect to the Club WiFi unless you really need it**)
- The shorter, three-week Windows 10 course was popular (consider reducing the length of other beginners' courses and providing more short courses on specific topics)
- Suggestions for other short courses such as: TripView; Google Calendar; Health and Safety when using mobile devices; Google Home; Smart TV and Chromecast; Using apps (referred to Planning Meeting for Term 2)
- Who should chase up members who haven't paid for courses two weeks in advance? (referred to Committee)
- Can we update the Club logo (referred to Committee).

This was such a productive meeting that Bing has agreed to run it quarterly. All trainers are welcome to attend.

So, there's much to look forward to in Term 2. Please keep using the Suggestion Box: we enjoy reading them and nearly always act on them, to make Parramatta Computer Pals an even more supportive and welcoming place.

In the meantime, keep learning, of course!

*Deborah*

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## Seniors Week happenings

For Seniors Week 2018 we are having a stall in Centenary Square, same as last year. This year it will be on **Monday, 9th April**, from 10 am to 2 pm. City of Parramatta is providing a marquee, table and chairs, and access to power, at no cost to us.



We are hoping for better weather this year. Please tell your friends.

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## New members

In January and February, the following people joined:

- Stephen Bari
- Elizabeth Campbell
- Molly Chu
- Ian Ferguson
- Maurice Green (Marg's husband)
- Robert Hardy
- Francis Houppapa
- Patricia King
- Dianne Kingsley
- Irene Lim (Gus' wife)
- Marilyn MacFadyen
- Paul Saez
- Verna Saunders

- Hugh & Maya Weerawardane.

You will see some new faces in the office and the training room soon. Among our new members this month, we've had four who are interested in volunteering with us as trainers (Hugh Weerawadane, Stephen Bari) or office assistants (Maya Weerawadane, Verna Saunders).

Additionally, Francis Houppapa has already started as an office assistant and Marilyn MacFadyen as a trainer and assistant trainer.

We welcome all our new members, and particularly these lovely people who are sharing their skills with us.

We now have 239 members (July-March).

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## Film night: Forty Thousand Horsemen

A great night out. Thanks John Lee for organising the tickets and Maureen Neilsen for booking dinner at the pub.



## March meeting Thursday 15th

This month we are back to the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for our monthly meeting.

This month's guest speaker is Kay McCormack from NSW Fair Trading.

It's the usual time (9.30-11.30am) and at the usual place, at the UNE large meeting room on Level 1 of 232 Church Street, near the Greenway Arcade and opposite the beautiful old sandstone original post office.

Bring your cash for course opportunities.

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## Social Lunch in April

Dawne has arranged a lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 12:00pm at the Rosehill Bowling Club. The club offers \$10 lunches Tues-Friday. Examples below:



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## Management Committee

The Management Committee also had a productive meeting, and made these decisions:

- Purchase an extendable pointer for trainers to point to the television screen.

- Encourage members to BYO cup, to reduce landfill from disposable cups
- Buy hand-cleaning sanitiser
- Inform trainers that they can ask for extra assistant trainers if they have learners who need extra help
- Allow learners who are not coping in class to transfer the balance of their course fee to one to one sessions, at \$10 per hour (if a one to one trainer is available)
- Ask all members to turn off WiFi on their mobile devices when visiting the Club
- Give trainers the discretion to remove members from course bookings if they have not paid two weeks in advance (on popular courses) or to accept payment on the day (if members have difficulty getting to Parramatta to pay in advance)
- Have a competition to design a new Club logo, with the prize a free 2-day registration for the ASCCA conference
- Continue to run the Trainers' Forum once a term.
- Accept Darrell's offer to entertain us at monthly meetings with a short comedy skit.

Many of these decisions result from member box suggestions.

<b>Day/ Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Course</b>
<b>Term 1 2018 course schedule –Weeks 6-10</b>		
Mon 9:30-11:45	19 Mar	<b>Genealogy: Convicts \$10</b>
Mon 9:30-11:45	26 Mar	<b>Genealogy: Irish \$10</b>
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	20 Mar	<b>Tech Talk: Email security \$10</b>
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	10 Apr	<b>Practice Session: Windows 10 \$10</b>
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	4,11 Apr	<b>Facebook: Beyond the Basics \$20</b>
Thurs 9:30 - 11:45	5,12 Apr	<b>Internet \$20</b>
Thurs 1:15 - 3:30	29 Mar	<b>Tech talk: Genealogy and DNA \$10</b>
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	6 Apr	<b>Backing up your Windows computer \$10</b>
<b>SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS \$2</b>		
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thurs 15 Mar	9:30 - 11:30am	Members meeting at UNE.
Thurs 5 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG – Android Tablets and Smart Phones
Fri 6 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG – Windows 10
Thurs 12 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG – Creative writing
Fri 13 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG – iPads and iPhones
Thurs 19 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: Digital photography
Fri 20 Apr	12:00-2:00pm	Lunch at Rosehill Bowling Club
Fri 20 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: Facebook
Thurs 22 Mar, 26 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: Genealogy
Fri 23 Mar, 27 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG: Craft and Cards
Thurs 15 March	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: eBooks
Fri 16 March	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG: Google
Fri 16 March	1:15-3:30pm	Trainers Planning Meeting (Free)
Thurs 22 March	9:30 - 11:45am	Office Assistants' Training Meeting (Free)

## Tips and tricks

### TROVE: Digitised newspapers and much more



Did you know that the National Library of Australia not only freely makes available digitised versions of historical newspapers (up to the 1950s) but also shares digitised material and records from over 1000 Australian organisations?

From these resources, you can help tell stories of your ancestors' lives and events that are personally meaningful to your family.

Trove currently holds over 1300 Australian digitised, fully text-searchable *newspaper titles*. These titles were published between 1803 and 2012, although the majority of Trove's online newspapers are pre-1955, due to copyright restrictions.

New newspaper titles are regularly added to Trove. Recent additions include The Herald (Melbourne, Vic: 1861 - 1954), The Western Weekly News (Port Lincoln, SA : 1902-04) and the Mount Barker and Denmark Record (Albany, WA : 1929 - 1949). To view a list of newspaper titles coming to Trove, visit:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/content/new-titles-coming>

Newspapers can be searched by keyword, or browsed by state published, date published or title. Trove has also categorised newspaper

articles by topic, and these categories are searchable. Useful categories for genealogists include Family Notices, Letters and Obituaries. Newspapers are digitised in Trove through funding from the National and State Libraries, but also through private donors and fundraising by historical and cultural societies around Australia.

*Government Gazettes* are new to Trove – New South Wales Government Gazette titles were made available in Trove in early 2016, and Commonwealth Gazette titles have been progressively digitised since 2016. Like newspapers, Gazette pages are regularly added to Trove. Gazettes are browsed the same way as newspapers, either with a keyword search or searching by state published, year or title. Gazettes articles have also been categorised by searchable topics, and useful categories for genealogists include Notices, Special Notices, and Appointments & Employment.

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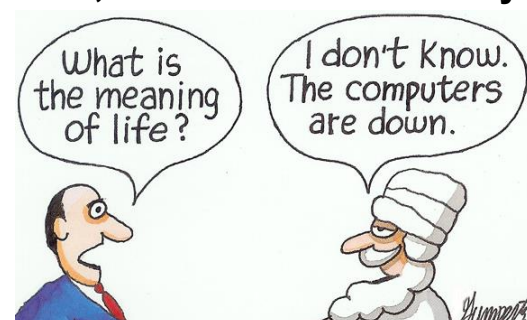
### Apple Accessibility Features

Here is the main link for the vision features on Apple devices, courtesy of our recent Apple representative speaker.

<https://www.apple.com/accessibility/iphone/vision/>

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### Now, don't take us seriously



## Some recent club activities



Above: Dawne Zotz with a Lancer. Always attracted to a uniform, our Dawne.



Jan Brandon with Gwen Duthie – the latter came to the craft group all the way from Lake Macquarie where she now lives with family.



Mug of the month for Bing.



Margaret with her Ancestry tree – discussing DNA tests and matches with our genealogy enthusiasts.

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## ParraPals Committee



ParraPals 2018 Committee: Standing - Jon Bayley (Training Coordinator), Silvia Vega (Secretary), Deborah Martin (President), Dawne Zotz, Colleen Burns; Seated - John Lee (Treasurer), Deb Neyle (Vice President), Hazel Latka, John Hair

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