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President's message

Deb Neyle and I ran the Planning Meeting for Term 2 while Jon Bayley was away. It made me appreciate how much work goes in to making sure that we have a full program of courses for our members. Thank you to Deb for chairing the meeting, to Jon for everything he does behind the scenes, and to all the trainers and assistant trainers who have volunteered to help with Term 2 courses.

We met some interesting people when we were running our Seniors Week stalls. Deb and Hazel did some networking with other stall holders at the Wellness Festival, including Leep, "a group dedicated to creating inclusive communities for people experiencing disadvantage". We hope to build a closer relationship with Leep, starting with inviting them to one of our Trainers' Forums.

In Centenary Square we were visited by a couple from India, Deepa and Melind Soman, who run a business consulting firm called Lumiere. They were very impressed with what we are doing and plan to write a story about us.

We had another visitor who was very concerned about the issue of elder abuse, so it's timely that our guest speaker for April is from the Seniors Rights Service. They were previously

known as the Aged-care Rights Service and have been around for 30 years.

SRS offers legal services, retirement village advocacy and advice, individual advocacy for people in Commonwealth-funded residential and community-based aged care services, and education about the rights of older people.

I hope you will join us for the April meeting. It's a good opportunity to meet friends and make new ones; have a laugh; hear new ideas and ask questions; find out what's happening in our Club; and have a delicious morning tea. You can also book and pay for Term 2, too (the Club office is closed over the school holidays, so this is your best opportunity before Term 2 starts on 30th April.

Speaking of which, thank you to everyone who brought morning tea to our March meeting. Margaret and Lyndell are back this month so the catering is in good hands, but I'm sure they would be happy to receive contributions.

And until I see you again – keep learning!

Deborah

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Seniors Week happenings

We had two Seniors Weeks stalls this year: in Centenary Square on 9th April and at the Cumberland Council Wellness Festival on 12th April. Thank you to everyone who volunteered: Deb, Hazel and Julie at Auburn Botanic Gardens; and John, Margaret, Cecillie, Jenny, Marilyn and Veronica at Parramatta.



New members

In March, the following people joined:

- Gabriella Spinetti
- Diana Kang
- Peggy Garrard.

We now have 243 financial members.

Social Lunch in April

We have 32 members attending the social lunch on Friday 20th April, 12:00pm at the Rosehill Bowling Club. Thank you to Dawne for organising this. It should be good fun.

April meeting Thursday 19th

This month's guest speaker is from the Seniors Rights Service. SRS is a community legal centre that provides advocacy, legal advice and education to older people in NSW. Their website is www.seniorsrightsservice.org.au.

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

Bring your cash or cheque book to book and pay for Term 2 courses – bookings open on the day!

Management Committee

Your Management Committee met on Friday, 13th April and made these decisions:

- Buy external hard drive, USB sticks, new powerboards and wireless mouse
- Invite Leep to the trainers' forum on 14th June to talk about their online resources for digital inclusion

Deb Neyle is coordinating a project to have job descriptions for all Committee positions, which will be useful when our AGM approaches and we seek to recruit new Committee members.

Day/ Time	Dates	Course
Term 2 2018 course schedule –Weeks 1-5		
Mon 9:30 - 11:45	30 Apr, 7, 14 May	Apple iPhones for Beginners
Mon 1:15 - 3:30	30 Apr, 7, 14 May	Photo Books
Mon 1:15 - 3:30	21, 28 May	Getting accurate information online
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	1, 8, 15 May	Email using Gmail
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	22 May	Tech Talk: Uber and other ride share apps
Tues 1:15 - 3:30	1, 8, 15, 22 May	Android Smart Phones for Beginners
Tues 1:15 - 3:30	29 May	Practice Session: Android Smart Phones
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	2, 9 May	Facebook for Beginners
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	16 May	Practice Session: Facebook
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	23, 30 May	Google Drive
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	2, 9, 16 May	Windows 10 Made Easy
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	23, 30 May	Travelling with Technology
Thur 9:30 - 11:45	3 May	Practice Session: Scanning
Thur 9:30 - 11:45	10 May	WhatsApp
Thur 9:30 - 11:45	24, 31 May, 7 June	Basic Photo Editing
Thur 1:15 - 3:30	31 May	Genealogy: Ancestry
Fri 9:30 - 11:45	11, 18 May	Transferring Photos from camera/phone to PC
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	4 May	Tech Talk: Understanding the NBN
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	18, 25 May	Cloud computing
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS		
Dates	Time	Event
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	3 May	Special Interest Group: Android devices
Thu 1:15 - 3:31	4 May	Special Interest Group: Windows 10
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	10 May	Special Interest Group: Creative Writing
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	11 May	Committee Meeting
Thu 10:00 – 12:00	17 May	Member Meeting (note different time)
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	17 May, 19 July	Special Interest Group: eBooks

Tips and tricks

Some obscure Android gestures:

1. To display Quick Settings menu, swipe down with two fingers from notification bar
2. To launch camera, double tap the power button

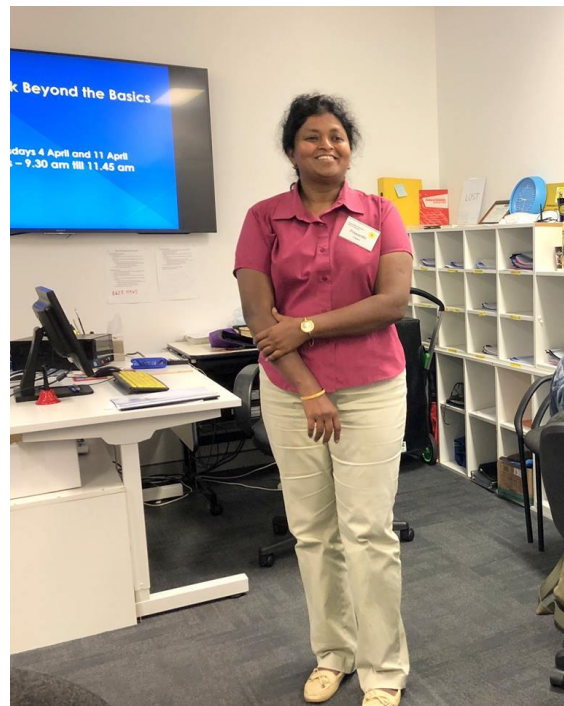
Some recent club activities



Facebook Beyond the Basics: John, Prasanthi, Dawne, Dana, Wal, Darrell, Tom and Nadia



ParraChatta stall at Wellness Festival: Julie and Deb



One of our trainers, Prasanthi Hagare

ParraPals Committee



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

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