

# ParraChatta

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### President's message

I've had lots of positive feedback about Howard Wood's presentation on 3D printing at our April meeting. We will be visiting the new studio in Darcy Street, Parramatta after it opens, to see 3D printing in action. Some of us are even thinking about doing one of their courses – just for fun! As Aileen says, "Who says Seniors do not know or understand. Thanks to PCPals - I know and I am still learning."

If you weren't at the meeting you would have missed our announcement about course fees. The Management Committee has decided to increase course fees from Term 3 2014. Ten hour courses will be \$45 (previously \$40), six hour courses \$30, four hour courses \$20, two hour courses \$10, and one to one sessions with a trainer \$15 per hour (instead of \$10 per hour). This is the first time we have increased fees since the Club commenced nearly eight years ago. Although we have a healthy bank balance at the moment, we want to make sure that our income continues to exceed our expenditure so we can maintain a comfortable cash reserve for contingencies. Membership fees remain unchanged at \$20 per annum (and in case you were wondering, are not due for renewal until 1 July).

We are also looking at how we can reduce costs such as printing, and to this end we will be giving you your course notes in flexible plastic folders rather than the 3-ring binders you received when you joined the Club.

Committee members, Trainers and Assistant Trainers will be meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to continue reviewing our Strategic Plan. We will be looking at issues to do with facilities, meetings, personnel and technology. If you have any suggestions about how we can make our Club even better, please email me at [dmmartin@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dmmartin@bigpond.net.au) or pop a note in our Suggestion Box.

Keep learning!

*Deborah*



Deborah and Howard Wood after his presentation on 3D printing

## Suggestion Box

There were no suggestions this month.

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### 12 new members in March

Welcome to the following new members:

- Irene Chow
- Odo Cid
- James Corrie
- Rita Corrie
- Lana Crotty
- Joy Douglas
- Vera Hatchwell
- Mary Peters
- Peni Senilolokula
- Emily Yen
- Albert Yen
- Timothy Yewdall

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### Monthly Meetings

The April meeting was held a week earlier than usual due to the Easter long week. However, the **May meeting** reverts back to the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (16<sup>th</sup> May) and our guest speaker is a representation from St John's Ambulance – John Alexander, who will be speaking on stroke, heart attack, poisoning, heat stroke, external bleeding, and will also give you a few different web site addresses that you are able to look various things up on, and take questions from the floor.

## Don't Forget

Book in for a full course or one of the short courses offered in the Term 2 Timetable, which is listed on pages 3 and 4.

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The Cards and Crafts SIG had an outing to Hornsby to check out the stock and supplies available there.



The happy group are pictured here at the Hornsby Store.

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Deborah Martin held a short course on Google Docs for trainers and assistant trainers, and the course was well attended as shown in the photo below.



The Club will be in recess for the school holidays over Easter and Anzac Day, but there will be some trainers in on Tuesday and Wednesday getting ready for Term 2.

Have a safe and happy Easter!!

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**Term 2 2014 course schedule****– first half term**

<b>Day/ Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Course</b>
Monday 9.30-11.45am	Apr 28	<b>Genealogy</b>
Monday 9.30 – 11.45am	May 5	<b>Genealogy</b>
Monday 9.15 – 12.00md	May 12, 19	<b>Blogging</b>
Monday 1.00 – 3.45pm	Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19	<b>Android Tablets for Beginners</b>
Tuesday 9.30 – 11.45am	Apr 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Managing Your Digital Photos</b>
Tuesday 1.15 - 3.30pm	Apr 29	<b>DropBox (cloud storage and large file transfer)</b>
Tuesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	May 13	<b>Scrapbooking Updates</b>
Tuesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	May 20	<b>eBay Buying</b>
Tuesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	May 27	<b>iPad - Safari</b>
Wednesday 9.30 – 11.45am	Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Windows 8 for Beginners</b>
Wednesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>iPad for Beginners</b>
Thursday 9.30 – 11.45am	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Apple Beyond the Basics</b>
Thursday 1.15 – 3.30pm	May 1, 8,, 15, 22, 29	<b>Windows 7 for Beginners</b>

**Second half term**

<b>Day/ Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Course</b>
Monday 9.30 – 11.45am	May 26, June 2	<b>Android Smart Phones</b>
Monday 9.30 – 11.45am	June 23	<b>Skype</b>
Monday 1.00 – 3.45pm	May 26, June 2, 16, 23,	<b>Audio Editing</b>
Tuesday 9.15 – 12.00md	June 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>iPad for Beginners</b>
Tuesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	June 3	<b>Managing Your Digital Photos Refresher</b>
Tuesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	June 17	<b>eBay Selling</b>
Tuesday 1.15 – 3.30pm	June 24	<b>Genealogy</b>
Wednesday 9.15 – 12.00md	June 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Android Tablets for Beginners</b>
Wednesday 1:00 – 3.45pm	June 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Email (Gmail) for Beginners</b>
Thursday 9.15 – 12.00md	June 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Windows 7 Beyond the Basics</b>
Thursday 1.00 – 3.45pm	June 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>iPad for Beginners (8 people)</b>

Book now at reception 9806 5030 (club hours only), Michael on 9801 1686 (h) or 0437 132 005. There is no answering machine at the office.

<b>SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
May 16, June 20	9.30 – 11.30 am	<b>Monthly meeting</b>
May 16	12.30 – 2.45 pm	<b>Genealogy SIG</b>
June 20	12.30 – 2.30 pm	<b>SIG Digital photography</b>
May 2, June 6	9.30 – 11.45am	<b>SIG iPhones and iPads</b>
May 2, June 6	1.15 – 3.30 pm	<b>SIG Android Smart phones and tablets</b>
May 9, June 13	10.30-12.45pm	<b>Video making SIG</b>
May 23, June 27	9.30 – 11.45am	<b>Cards/Craft SIG</b>



John and Margaret Moxon at the Hard Rock Café in San Francisco



John Moxon with fellow travellers on board the Queen Victoria – traversing the Panama Canal.

## **Club 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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