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President's message

I'm sorry I was away for the AGM in October. Thank you for re-electing me



as President,
and welcome to
our new
Treasurer,
Colleen Burns,
and our new
Committee
member,

George Simpson. John Lee has done an exemplary job as Treasurer, including finding his successor and handing over to Colleen so the transition has been seamless. Thank you also to Deb Neyle, your Vice-President, for chairing the AGM and other meetings, liaising with Brugel Creative, and generally keeping things running smoothly while I was away.

I had the pleasure of attending the ASCCA Conference just after I arrived home, and there were many interesting speakers and ideas presented to us. The ASCCA conference is for all computer club members, not just trainers, and I encourage you to think about attending next year. It's great value!

I'm delighted to tell you that our application for a Stronger Communities

grant to replace our training room computers has been approved. The grant pays 50% of the cost, and our Club will pay the other 50%. Our Federal MP, Julie Owens, will be visiting us on 19th November to congratulate us in person. We expect to have the new computers installed before Term 1 starts in 2019.

Last week I visited Hilltop Road Public School to talk to a group of Year 3 students about Parramatta Computer Pals. They are doing a photo journalism project, which involved preparing questions, interviewing me, and videoing the interview. They will be presenting their findings next month and I look forward to seeing the result.

Primary school education is a lot different than when I was in school: all the students have laptops provided by the school as part of a program called one to one computing.

And like those students, keep learning

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New members in October

Please welcome the following new members:

- Hedley Mooney
- Christina Penning
- Raquel Saez
- Amarjit Sandhu

We now have 185 members (July-October 18). Another free “Welcome to new members will be held on Thursday 6th Dec. between 9:30-11:45am.

Results of our 11th AGM

There were only two changes to our hard-working Management Committee this year.

Committee member **Colleen Burns** stepped forward to replace retiring treasurer John Lee. Colleen was replaced as an “ordinary member” by **George Simpson**. Not that there is anything “ordinary” about any of our committee members. All bring valuable life and professional skills to its work.

Here is Colleen (middle) with other committee members John Hain and Silvia Vega (secretary).



Additionally, our 90 years young member Hazel Gibbs was created our third life member. Hazel has been with the club since its inaugural meeting in 2007 and has made enormous

contributions, as its first catering officer, an office receptionist and very importantly as a wonderfully loyal and welcoming friend of the club.

Here she is, receiving a certificate of commemoration.



Christmas Party bookings

Following our highly successful lunch last year, the Christmas Party will once again be held in a function centre at the Rosehill Bowling Club. On Friday 7th December between 11:30am-2:30pm

An email was sent to all members on 10th November explaining how bookings and payments (\$25pp) can be made. You are most welcome to bring your partner.



The gift box above was recently made with the technology used by the Club's Card & Craft group.

Parramatta's Hunter Gallery

Member Cass Newman suggested that members might enjoy visiting Parramatta Art Society's current exhibition, running only until Saturday 17th November. The exhibition includes prizewinning works from the Parramatta Foundation Week Art Awards, judged last month. The Hunter Gallery is at Shop 6, 4-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta. Take the short-cut through the QBE Arcade.

Lest we forget



This Photo by

As I write this newsletter, it is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, 11th of November 1918. Some of you have written

stories about ancestors who served in the Great War, as it was known. In fact, it is likely that many of us had grandfathers and/or great uncles who served, and whose lives – if indeed they survived – were profoundly changed as a result. Some of us may have ancestors who served on the other side. But the suffering was similar. Looking back, we understand that this war was not fought for honourable reasons; mostly it was about territory. So tragic.

There are many websites which can help you research your ancestor and/or

where you can honour their memory. The Great War Forum is one. <https://www.greatwarforum.org/>

Another – for British soldiers – is

The Long, long Trail <https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/>

There are also many Facebook pages and groups remembering WW1. Here is just one of many:

Australian Great War Poetry (Facebook)

Suggestion box



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There was only one suggestion this month:

Question: Could we run remote courses for people who cannot attend the club?

Answer: The committee felt this was too difficult for a number of technical reasons, particularly problems with using the club's internet for Skype. Otherwise a video would need to be created. Online resources were suggested (see later in this newsletter).

Day/ Time	Dates	Course
Term 4 2018 course schedule –Weeks 6-10		
Mon 9:30-11:45	19,26 Nov; 3,10,17 Dec	Android Smartphones - Beginners
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	21,28 November	Budgeting, using a spreadsheet
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	22 Nov	Mobile Devices: Health & Safety Issues
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	28 Nov; 5,12 DEC	Digital Photos: Managing & Editing - Beginners
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	29 November	Practice Session – iPad & iPhone
Fri 9:30 - 11:45	30 November	Backing Up Your Windows computer
Tue 9:30 - 11:45	4,11,18 Dec	Windows 10 Made Easy
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	5,12 December	Travelling with Technology
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	19 December	Practice Session: - Android smartphones & tablets
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	19 December	Practice Session – Windows 10
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS		
Time	Dates	Event
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	16 Nov	Special Interest Group: Digital Photography
Fri 9:30 - 11:45	21 Dec	Special Interest Group: Facebook
Fri 9:30 - 11:45	23 Nov	Special Interest Group: Craft & Cards
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	6 Dec	Special Interest Group: Android
Thu 9:30-11:45	8 Nov	Special Interest Group: Photobooks
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	13 Dec	Special Interest Group: Creative Writing
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	15 Nov	Special Interest Group: eBooks
Fri 9:30-11:45	16 Nov	Trainers' Forum
Fri 9:30-11:45	14 Dec	Special Interest Group: iPhone & iPads
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	23 Nov	Trainers' Planning Meeting for Term 1
Thu 1:15 - 3:30	22 Nov	Special Interest Group: Genealogy
Thu 9:30-11:45	29 Nov	Office Assistant Forum
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	30 Nov	Special Interest Group: Google
Fri 11:30-2:30	7 Dec	Christmas Party

Tips and tricks

Online learning for technology



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As mentioned above in our Suggestion Box area, there are many ways one can participate in on-line learning for computer technology. Of course, one needs to know how to turn on a computer and how to navigate around a screen, but that's all you need to know. And some of these courses are free. A very well-known site with many courses to choose from is **GCFGlobal**.

Check it out at

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/subjects/tech/>

Useful websites

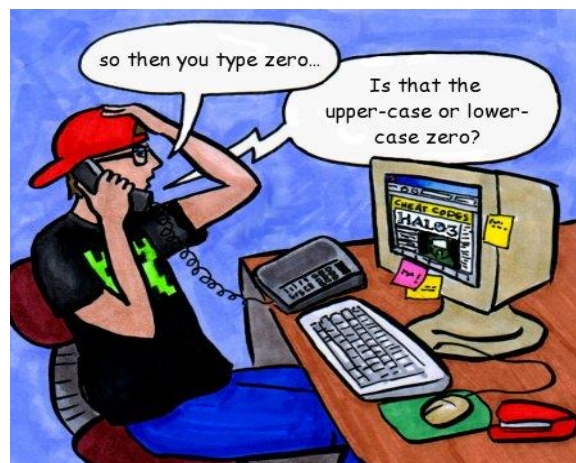
Guide to best computer tricks.

<https://www.techspot.com/guides/676-best-computer-tricks/>

Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors

www.parramattacps.org.au

Now don't take us seriously ...



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