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President's message

Happy 90th birthday to Hazel #1, who may be our oldest member and is certainly one of our longest-serving volunteers. Hazel was one of our first Office Assistants and always made everyone feel very welcome. It's always a pleasure to see Hazel and her sister Beryl at Club activities.



We're looking forward to having our Sea Princess travellers home again after circumnavigating the globe. By now they will have crossed the International Date Line and be on their way to New Zealand. We've already booked Hazel #2, Margaret and John in for Term 4 courses.

I'm off to the USA for a couple of weeks with my chorus, and I'll be away for the AGM, so you'll be in the capable hands of our Vice-President, Deb Neyle. Information about the AGM will be coming out shortly.

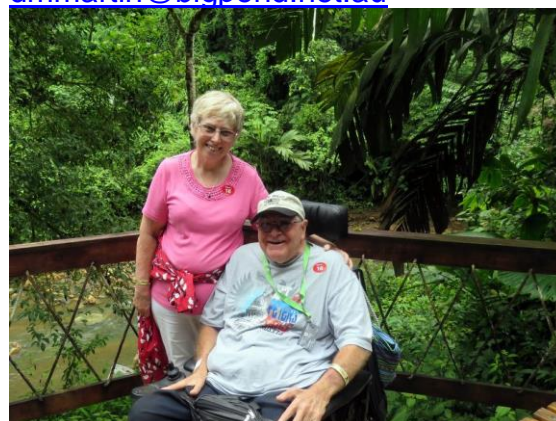
Our Term 4 timetable is now available, and bookings are open. We're trying out a new booking system that means if you want to do a course, you can book in straight away (rather than waiting until trainers have contacted people on the waiting list). Please give us your feedback on whether this works better for you.

Our new website is progressing, and we've just about finalised the wording of the various web pages. Our next job is to select photos that show Club members enjoying a wide variety of activities. Please send in any photos you think would be suitable.

Keep learning!

Deborah

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Important Change in Booking Process

Please read this information carefully to ensure you continue to participate in the training courses and enjoy other activities at Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors.

The booking process has been simplified and now works like this:

1. Each term's course timetable will be finalised a few weeks before the end of the previous term.
2. The timetable will be emailed to all members.
3. **You will need to look through the timetable when you receive it to work out which training courses you would like to do.**
4. Bookings will be open to everyone as soon as the timetable is sent out.
5. Phone the Office Assistants on **8628 0947** to request a booking – if a space is available, your booking will be confirmed straightaway.
6. Pay the course fee at least two weeks before the course commences to confirm your booking.

If the course you want to do is already fully booked or not currently scheduled, please ask the Office Assistants to register your interest. This is important as the number of people interested in each course will influence which courses will be run next term. You will usually not be contacted when the course appears in the timetable – you will need to check each timetable when it is released.

We hope you will find this simpler process makes it possible to book the courses you want more quickly and obtain confirmation immediately.

Next term will be a trial of this process and any comments or suggestions based on your experience would be welcome.

Management Committee

The Management Committee met on Friday, 14th September and made these decisions:

- Reinvest \$25,000 in term deposit and transfer \$5000 to operating account
- Get quote from Lawrence on replacing 8 training room Windows PCs
- Approved \$250 budget for Christmas Party prizes

September meeting Thursday 20th

This Thursday we are meeting at the usual time (9:30 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.

Our guest speaker this month is Karen Davidson who will be showing us how to adjust our chair, desk and screen ergonomically to reduce the risk of injury.

Day/ Time	Dates	Course
Term 4 2018 course schedule –Weeks 1 - 10		
15, 22, 29 Oct	Mon 1:15 - 3.30	Files and Folders: Saving and Finding in Windows
6 Oct	Tue 9:30 - 11:45	Scanning Photos, Negatives & Slides
16, 23 Oct, 6, 13, 20 Nov	Tue 1:15 - 3.30	Apple iPads: Beyond the Basics
17 Oct	Wed 9:30 - 11:45	Public Transport Apps: Smartphones & Tablets
23 Oct	Tue 9:30 - 11:45	Practice Session: Scanning Images
2 Nov	Fri 1:15 - 3:30	Tech Talk: Understanding the NBN
5, 12 Nov	Mon 9:30 - 11:45	Google Calendar
5, 12, 19 Nov	Mon 1:15 - 3.30	Photobooks
6 Nov	Tue 9:30 - 11:45	Tech Talk: Understanding the NBN
7, 14, 21 Nov	Wed 9:30 - 11:45	Facebook: Beginners
7 Nov	Wed 1:15 - 3.30	Genealogy & DNA Testing
13, 20, 27 Nov	Tue 9:30 - 11:45	Introduction to Windows Computers
14 Nov	Wed 1:15 - 3.30	Gumtree: Buying
19, 26 Nov, 3, 10, 17 Dec	Mon 9:30 - 11:45	Android Smartphones: Beginners
21, 28 Nov	Wed 1:15 - 3.30	Budgeting Using a Spreadsheet
28 Nov, 5, 12 Dec	Wed 9:30 - 11:45	Digital Photos, Managing & Editing: Beginners
29 Nov	Thu 1:15 - 3.30	Practice Session: iPad/iPhone
30 Nov	Fri 9:30 - 11:45	Backing up Your Windows Computer
4, 11, 18 Dec	Tue 9:30 - 11:45	Windows 10 Made Easy
5, 12 Dec	Wed 1:15 - 3.30	Travelling with Technology
19 Dec	Wed 9:30 - 11:45	Practice Session: Android Smartphones and Tablets
19 Dec	Wed 1:15 - 3.30	Practice Session: Windows 10

Day/ Time	Dates	Course
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS		
28 Sep, 16 Nov	12 noon - 2:00	Social Lunch
4 Oct, 6 Dec 29 Oct	Thur 9:30 - 11:45 Mon 9:30 - 11:45	Welcome to new members
12 Oct, 14 Dec	Fri 9:30 - 11:45	SIG - iPads & iPhones
12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec, 11 Jan	Fri 1:15 - 3:30	Committee Meeting
18 Oct, 15 Nov, 18 Jan	Thu 9:30 - 11:30	Members Meeting
18 Oct	Thu 1:15 - 3.30	SIG - Digital Photography
19 Oct, 21 Dec	Fri 9:30 - 11.45	SIG - Facebook
26 Oct, 23 Nov	Fri 9:30 - 11:45	SIG - Craft & Cards
30 Oct - 1 Nov	all day	ASCCA Conference
4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec	Thu 1:15 - 3.30	SIG - Android
2 Nov	Fri 9:30 - 11:45	SIG - Windows 10
8 Nov	Thur 9:30 - 11:45	SIG - Photobooks
11 Oct, 8 Nov, 13 Dec	Thu 1:15 - 3.31	SIG - Creative Writing
15 Nov	Thu 1:15 - 3.30	SIG - eBooks
16 Nov	Fri 9:30 - 11:45	Trainers Forum
23 Nov,	Fri 1:15 - 3:30	Training Planning Meeting Term 1 2019
25 Oct, 22 Nov	Thu 1:15 - 3.30	SIG - Genealogy
27 Nov,	Thur 9:30 - 11:45	Office Assistant Forum
30 Nov	Fri 1:15 - 3.30	SIG - Google
7 Dec	Fri 12 noon - 2:00	Christmas Party

Lyndell's Fruit Cake Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 kg mixed fruit
- 600 mls Oatmilk chocolate, or strawberry, or banana, or ice coffee

(The Oatmilk can be purchased in Woolworths, Aldi, Coles, or other food stores)

- 2 cups of self-raising flour

(Yes, that's all folks!)

Method

1. Soak all ingredients overnight, or longer
2. Line a rectangular baking dish with baking paper and pour in mixture
3. Cook in a Fan Force oven at 160 Centigrade for 1 hour (oven temperatures differ; watch to see the top of the cake does not burn)
4. Cool the rich cake and slice into slices 5cm (about 2½ inches) square.

Serves: 15 approximately people, or cut to your liking.

After cooking the cake, it can be frozen for a later date.



Cruising

When last heard from, our five intrepid travellers were crossing the International Date Line on their way to New Zealand and then home to Sydney.



Did you know that the Google Translate app can translate foreign language text using your camera? Ope Google Translate app, choose the languages you want to translate from and to, choose Camera, and point your phone camera at the text. (This says “before falling unconscious, go to bed”). Thanks to Marya Deller.

New Members

We welcome these new members:

1. Ms Jo Kelly
2. Ms Jean Frey
3. Ms Linda McCarthy
4. Ms Judy Moore
5. Ms Margaret Sheedy

Silvia reports that we have 168 financial members.

Office 365

Microsoft has just announced improvements for Office 365 users taking effect from 2nd October. Each Office 365 Home account will be able to have up to six users, and each user can install Office applications on an unlimited number of devices.

Each user also gets 1 TB (one terabyte) of OneDrive storage. In addition, because Skype is now owned by Microsoft, you get some free Skype minutes each month to place phone calls to landlines and mobile phones around the world.

Office 365 is a subscription to Microsoft Office. You get the same applications as if you purchased the traditional Office 2016 licence, and you get more frequent feature updates. You can also use them off-line. Office 365 costs \$129 per year compared with Office Home and Student 2016 for PC, which costs \$199 for a one-time purchase.

Useful websites

Margaret's travel blog:

<https://moxontravels2016.blogspot.com/>

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