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President's message.



It's been ten weeks now since our Club suspended face to face classes, and I'm very proud of the way our members and volunteers have adapted to this new way of doing things. We've rapidly mastered using Zoom for video meetings, and we've been meeting more frequently so that we can stay in touch. Trainers have been working behind the scenes to keep producing new courses that are relevant to members' needs, and your Management Committee has been monitoring what's happening and making decisions accordingly. The monthly ParraChatta (thanks Deb) and weekly News Update

(thanks, George) have also helped us stay in touch.

Because our members are in a vulnerable demographic, and many of us rely on public transport to travel to Parramatta, we are going to listen to government advice and then be fairly conservative about when we resume face to face classes. This may mean we keep going as we are in Term 3 rather than risk anyone's health. If you have a view about this, we're interested to hear what you think. You can email us at parramattacps@gmail.com, or use the Suggestion Box link in the News Update.

At Friday's member meeting most people were enthusiastic about having a socially distanced picnic. The Committee is going to test this out next Friday, and if we think it's workable, we'll organise a date and location and send you an invitation. We think that the social aspect of our Club is an essential part of who we are and what we offer

members, and we want to find ways of keeping that going.

In other news:

- Your membership renewal (\$20 for 12 months, July 2020 to June 2021) is due by 30th June 2020 and we will be sending out details of how to renew shortly
- Our AGM is usually held in October each year; we may either run the AGM via Zoom or defer it until we can meet face to face.

I get the impression that most of us are finding plenty of things to keep ourselves occupied. Personally, I'm exercising in our living room (I recommend the Hasfit channel on YouTube) and working on editing my old family photos to make a family photo album.

I hope that you, too, are staying safe and well and that you keep learning.

Deborah

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Trainers Meeting – Tuesday, 2nd June, 2 pm via Zoom

Committee Picnic Morning Tea – Friday, 5th June, 10:30 am

Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 10th June, 2 pm via Zoom

Member meeting – Friday, 12th June, 2 pm via Zoom

Digital Photography SIG – Thursday, 18th June, 2 pm via Zoom

Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 24th June, 2 pm via Zoom

Creative Writing SIG – Thursday, 25th June, 2 pm via Zoom

Member meeting – Friday, 26th June, 2 pm via Zoom

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Getting Started with Whats App -

can be accessed at any time - please email Hazel

hazel44auburn@gmail.com

Streaming Entertainment on your TV,

can also be accessed at any time - please email Hazel on hazel44auburn@gmail.com .

“Banking, purchasing and buying online” and “Planning your Digital Legacy”

can also be accessed at any time - please email Deb on pcpstrainerdebn@gmail.com

Fact Sheets:

Introduction to Zoom (Deborah)

Further Steps with WhatsApp (Hazel)

Blocking unwanted emails on Gmail (Deborah)

In the pipeline we have:

- Facebook – Saro Dainty

- Family History and DNA – John Moxon
- Windows 10 course completion – George
- Skype – Deborah and Bing
- Fact Sheet - Keyboard shortcuts for iOS Pages, Keynote and Numbers – Deb
- Facetime (Hazel)
- Sending a text message with your phone (Hazel)

Also, remember that you can always access a “virtual help desk” for support (email hazel44auburn@gmail.com with a specific question).

Competition Winners for May

There were many options in the May competitions and here are a few responses.

Judy Joyce sent in three photos from her garden including two bees and a turtle.

Hazel Labka also sent a bee photo which she admits is not her own but likes any way.





Colleen Burns offers turtle joke (on a teatowel)



Hazel Labka sent in this "Date your mate" picture, but careful observers will see that it was actually taken at her granddaughter's 16th birthday party, after partial lifting of restrictions.

The written competition

only attracted two entries. Both are included.

Story one (by Deb Neyle)

Annie was intrigued that World Naked Gardening Day even existed. Perhaps, she thought, it was meant for people who "grew" large expanses of concrete with tastefully placed oil blobs connected by dirt tyre tracks, or simply swathes of grass - a naked garden. But she decided it was time to try Naked Gardening, even if the weather was a bit off-putting.

The village was somewhat conservative, so Annie hid her previous episodes of civil disobedience and intended to hide the naked gardening as well. All possible sight lines were considered and the "protected" section of the garden mentally mapped. In front of the lavender that was already there,

Annie wanted to plant some primulas for a bit of winter colour.

The important day was, naturally, cold but the sun was out and Vitamin D is always useful. Annie kept on her shoes and gloves for safety reasons but was otherwise naked, as prescribed by whoever thought such a day was necessary for the entire world. Once in the garden, Annie worked diligently but after about 40 minutes decided that she had had enough; a hot cup of tea beckoned.

The young men with the drone thought it was fabulous, or a bit revolting, depending on the time of day.

So, Annie became a “meme”. She was blissfully ignorant until a group protesting the exploitation of female nudity began plastering her photo over the covers of pornographic magazines and then on billboards when semi-naked women sold things that didn’t relate to being semi-naked or female, like fast cars.

Walking for her health, Annie couldn’t fail to notice the ten-foot high image that had replaced the “Page Three girl” on the billboard; directly outside her almost very conservative village. She was mortified and a little bit chuffed at the same time.

No-one recognised her eighty-year old rear view.

The second entry is at the back of the newsletter because it really needed a different format.

Competitions for June

Deborah Martin provided this item.

Once again *The Washington Post* has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

The winners are:

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon** (n.), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent** (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Competition One - provide a new word to describe some aspect of the COVID physical distancing experience. This can either be an existing word re-used or a combination of existing word parts to make a new word. Must be your own work.

Competition Two - Give the postcodes of the Australian town with very changeable health and the Australian town where health is improving. A challenge for Google searchers.

Competition Three - June 18 is International Panic, International Picnic AND International Sushi Day. Any photos, jokes or short written pieces that somehow marry these days together (about 150 words).

All entries to
pcpstrainerdebn@gmail.com by
June 20, please.



This joke is especially for the genealogy SIG and comes from Bev Pieirmont via Deborah Martin.

Good News

Two Parramatta Councillors, **Sameer Pandey and Phil Bradley**, decided to forego their Council income and provide small grants to local groups to assist during the COVID-19 isolation period. Initially, PCPS applied for \$231 to pay the Zoom membership that is supporting our online meetings. Clr. Pandey approved this small grant, rounding it up to \$250. Clr. Bradley then contacted Deborah Martin offering another \$250 as our first claim had been so modest. This second small grant will be used for advertising when the time to return to face-to-face meetings is closer.

ASCCA news

Seniors Buddy training (online) for any member using Apple devices. People interested in participating in this free project should send an expression of interest to assca@assca.org.au outlining your area of interest, device(s) used and level of existing knowledge so that you can be sorted into small learning groups.

BeConnected News

BeConnected is offering new interactive activities to help learn the different touch screen skills as well as two new Quick Reads on **How to spot a Phishing scam** and a **Snapshot of different Social Media platforms**. These can be accessed at from their website at beconnected.esafety.nsw.gov.au

Connecting Up News

Connecting up has a number of new video lessons covering corona related activities including;

Video calls, remote training tools:

such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, LogMeIn Emergency Remote Work Kit

Cloud Storage and file sharing: Box and Dropbox

Instant Messaging Apps: Slack and Google Hangouts

Antivirus: ESET – enterprise-grade security at bargain basement prices

Emergency assistance: Ask Izzy – quickly find food, shelter, and other essential services through a web app

Explore these at www.connectingup.org

Community Corner

Colleen Burns is collecting returnable bottles to help raise money for her grandson to buy and then learn guitar. If you have any lying around, please contact Colleen at treasurercps@gmail.com

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Memories of May



- Morning walks in the park, children on bikes, people walking dogs,








- Flowers of May   



- Teddies in the windows for the children   







- Very little of them  

- None of that  





- Empty buses and trains on empty streets  







- A lot of this   




-  Wrapped presents on the front yard for mum 

-       Friday at Five music with the neighbours

- I will not forget about this GB    sad news from abroad

- I'll probably forget about this    

- Funny graphs on t.v.   and amazing people who talk with signs
   

- And I will never forget to say. "Thank you."   



Memories of our Dear Friend Lily

By Judy Joyce

With heavy hearts we heard
That our friend Lily had passed away
On the 28th of April
What a sad and sorry day

The 7th of May, she was cremated
But it was private so none could attend
So, we remembered her with a minute
silence
And played her favourite song at the end

The one minute of silence had just begun
And I stood with my head held low
Thinking of when I first met her
Which seem so very long ago

Thoughts of Lily came flooding back
How she was willing to help always
And the beautiful cards she made for us
Is what physically, with us stays

I miss our get-together's
And the lunches that we shared
The joyous days at ParraPals
Showing just how much, we cared.

I remember how brave she was
When her cancer was revealed
But Lily was very confident that
With treatment she would be healed

The memories that made me laugh
But some that made me cry
We worked so much together
Why did she have to die?

If only we could turn back time
And relive the memories that remain
Sadly, though now she has gone
Things won't be the same again

Then to ease my grief I start to think
She is not really gone
For if we keep her in our Hearts
Her memory will linger on.

So now I stand in the quiet of my lounge
room
Smiling through my tears
She will be with us forever
Lasting through the coming years.

There are a number of tributes to Lily with photos, including the Craft Special Interest Group of which she was a valued member, on the Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ParraPals/>