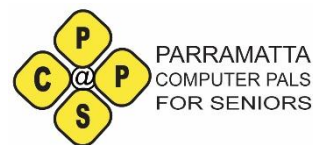


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President's message.



Thank you to everyone who attended our member meeting today, it's lovely to have so many

members participating, particularly when we're limited in what training we can offer you. I thought the Q&A session was particularly useful, with some interesting questions and many people contributing answers.

Nominations are now open for three Committee positions that become vacant at our AGM in October. We'd love to have some new faces and ideas on the Committee, so please consider nominating.

When we polled you during the meeting about your preferences for face to face training vs distance

training, there was a strong (75%) preference for distance training. It's likely during Term 4 we will continue with a mix of both options, depending on the willingness of trainers to come into the Club.

You can email us at parramattacps@gmail.com, or use the Suggestion Box link in the News Update.

Deborah



Digital Photography - Spiral exercise - George Simpson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Members' Meeting

ZOOM meeting of Members
Commencing at 2:00 pm, Friday, 4th
September

Committee Meetings

Special meeting via ZOOM

Commencing at 2:00pm, Friday,
28th August

Full meeting via ZOOM

Commencing at 2:00 pm, Friday, 11th
September

Trainers' Meeting

Planning for Term 4 (via ZOOM from
10:00 am to 12 noon, Friday, 4th
September

Masks

Masks are needed for public transport and places where social distancing is difficult (or to hide the fact that you didn't put any lipstick on this morning).



There are masks and then there are different masks. For something in the middle range, Jon Bayley offers the **Versatile Face Mask Pattern** from The Crafty Quilter at <https://thecraftyquilter.com/2020/03/versatile-face-mask-pattern-and-tutorial/>

The page includes materials needed, pattern and assembly instructions with many pictures to help you produce a great option that should look something like this.



Tips.

*Make several masks so you can change masks regularly e.g. after every train trip.

*Remember that the front of the mask may be contaminated, so use the ear loops to lift the mask off your face and drop directly into washing machine i.e. don't handle the front of the mask at all

*Wash your hands with soap after removing the mask. This is better than hand sanitiser as it physically displaces the virus and damages the fatty capsule of the virus. (May be too much information).

*Masks that are damp (from moisture in breath) are less effective.

*If carrying a mask just in case, use a Ziploc plastic bag. You can also put a used mask in this bag to carry home.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

The Management Committee has decided that courses may be held in the clubrooms at the discretion of the trainer

Cleaning and disinfection processes will be followed. Signs explaining the process are hanging in the clubrooms. Hand sanitiser and other required cleaning/disinfection equipment is available.

For people not comfortable returning to the club rooms there are still many

courses and tech talks available for use at home. We have decided to put a value of \$5 on these sets of notes this term so that we can start earning some money again.

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

ASCCA News

I, Deb Neyle, submitted two stories to the ASCCA COVID experience collection: one that was circulated through the Management Committee and one that was more personal.

ASCCA has published the more personal one in their newsletter. I didn't know it would be published this way, but I think this is a good way of keeping ParraPals in the loop with other computing organisations. With the virus continuing, it may become necessary to write an update, later.

The ASCCA photography competition is running again in 2020.

REMINDER !

ASCCA Digital Photography Competition 2020 Closes 1 September

Categories are :

1. Photo-Journalism
2. Travel-Photo
3. People/Portrait
4. Landscape/Seascape
5. Landscape/Structural or Manmade
6. Animals
7. Open

This year entries will be displayed on a website soon after the closing date and ASCCA Club members will be invited to vote for a "People's Choice" award in each category!

Full details on ASCCA website, www.ascca.org.au

Enter now!

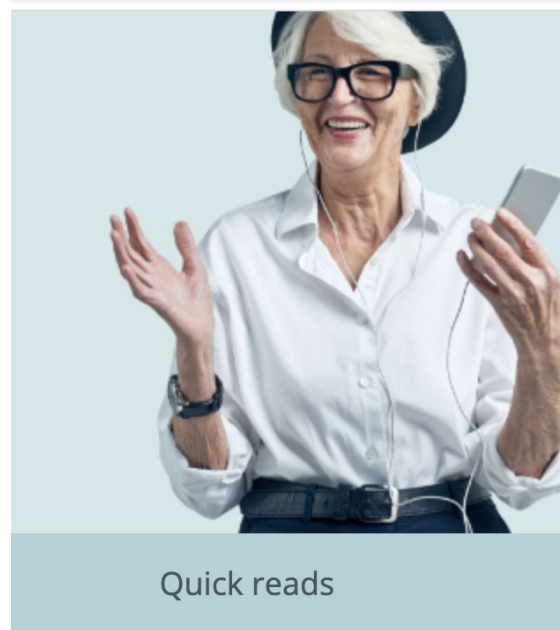
Could your photo be in this frame as the 2020 ASCCA Digital Photographer of the Year?

The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is working on their entries.

Categories and entry details are at www.ascca.org.au

Closing date – Tuesday, 1st September

BeConnected News




On the BeConnected Home page (<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>) is a tab labelled "Quick Reads". These are short papers. There are currently 13 quick reads, including one on online banking that includes a link to **"Squirrel Bank", an interactive site that lets you practice various transactions without having to use your actual banking details.** It is definitely worth looking at. These can be accessed from their website at www.beconnected.esafety.nsw.gov.au >quickreads>startreading (in upper banner of site) and then select option.

Stay savvy online

Our Quick Reads are short articles on the subjects that matter to you. Find out how you can spot a scam, stay safer online, and much more.

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Build skills Help others Quick reads



The Review Geek

There is Review Geek, which is a technology page and then there is THE Review Geek

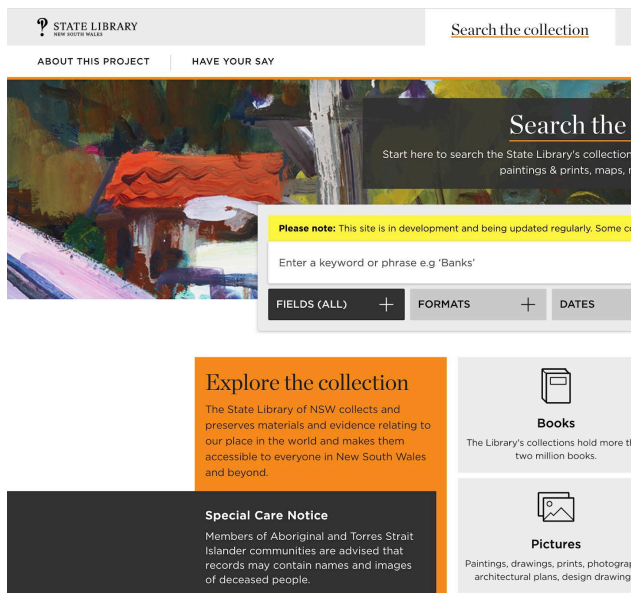
<https://www.thereviewgeek.com/>

which reviews films, shows, music and games to help you select items to watch.



It is worth a look if you are interested in these options.

NSW State Library news.



The NSW State Library is re-organising its e-resources search page. The photo above shows the beta version that people can use and comment on. Interestingly, it looks a lot like the Trove (National Library of

Australia) search page. This will be helpful to researchers as they will be able to use the same type of search in both resources.

Apple News

Apple has finally unveiled iOS 14, revealing a series of brand-new features that will be coming to your iPhone this year.

The company held its annual Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) and it's been an event like no other — in part due to the fact that there was no live audience present.

From improvements to group chats in Messages to a whole new app library, here's a breakdown of what you can expect from your iPhone in 2020:

- Redesigned home screen: For the first time, users will be able to view all their installed apps in a list view called App Library, which automatically sorts apps into large folders. Users can also hide apps from the rest of the home screens.
- Picture-in-picture mode: You can now keep a video running on the main screen of your phone while using another app like Messages.
- Widgets: Apple is adding widgets to the main home screen, which sit between app icons.
- Translate App: The update will feature a Translate app, capable of

translating speech and text offline in 11 languages – a direct competitor to Google Translate.

Free online technology courses at 12 different sites

CIO Australia offers links to twelve different sites that offer free tech. courses.

<https://www.cio.com/article/3281388/8-free-online-course-sites-for-growing-your-tech-skills.html>

Some of the sites also offer paid options, so stay alert. Some of the sites also offer a wide range of other courses. So, if you have a little time on your hands, these are much better options than daytime TV.

Community Corner

Deb Neyle: I have received an offer of a VHS recorder/player, thanks,

Colleen is still collecting refundable bottles to finance her grandchild's bike etc.

Deborah needs donations of old towels which she uses to catch and care for native animals. Text her on 0417 817 5878 to arrange pick up.

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1 Digital Photography - spiral exercise - Hazel Labka



2 Digital Photography - spiral exercise - Judy Joyce