

# ParraChatta



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### President's message.



We are delighted to welcome Hazel and Deb back from their honeymoon. They are already at work producing the latest

News Update and this edition of our Newsletter.

Last week was George's last Committee meeting, as he did not stand for re-election. We are sorry to see him go, as he has contributed many sensible and practical ideas (such as the News Update) to make our Club run more effectively. Thank you, George!

The Committee has decided to register our Club as a COVID-Safe location, so that all our members (and potential new members) can

feel confident we are taking necessary precautions to protect your health. We are also resuming tea breaks for anyone who wants a cuppa. (We are switching to single serve catering supplies as an extra precaution.)

Our AGM is coming up on Friday this week. Please join us to welcome our 'new' Committee and hear reports on how we are progressing. Several City of Parramatta Councillors have promised to attend.

If you have any suggestions for courses or better ways of doing things, you can email us at [parramattacps@gmail.com](mailto:parramattacps@gmail.com), or use the Suggestion Box link in the News Update.

Keep learning!

**Deborah**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm via ZOOM.**

All financial members will receive the link to this important meeting. Remember that you can also phone into a ZOOM meeting. The phone number will be provided.

### **Members' Meeting**

ZOOM meeting of Members.

Friday 2 November 2 pm (Special)

Friday 16 November 2 pm (Full)

### **Committee Meeting.**

Full meetings via ZOOM

Friday 9 November 2 pm

Special Meetings via ZOOM

Friday 23 October and Fri 23

November, 2 pm

### **TRAINING AND SUPPORT**

There are lots of ZOOM courses as well as classroom courses in Term 4. The timetable has been emailed to all members and three news updates covering the weeks of Term 4 have been sent.

An update with the vacancies in the first few weeks has also recently been sent out. If you are not receiving these updates please check:

- Are you financial? The update only reaches financial members.
- Is your email address up to date?

Let us know by emailing [parramattacps@gmail.com](mailto:parramattacps@gmail.com) with your information and we will amend our mailing lists.

### **ASCCA News**

“Living your best life online” is the title of the ASCCA conference which will be held online on **November 10th 2020.**

There is now a lot of information, including a conference timetable, on the ASCCA website ([www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au)). The conference cost is only \$15 so it is excellent value. Tickets are available through the ASCCA website or via Humanitix. ([www.humanitix.com](http://www.humanitix.com) then search for ASCCA)

The conference runs for a full day ending with the ASCCA annual General meeting and the announcement of Photo

competition winners. ASCCA acknowledges that people may not be able to sit all day for an online conference and will make as much information as possible available on a conference webpage within the ASCCA website after the conference.

## Be Connected News

Be Connected has a number of resources for older computer users. The one I wish to highlight this month is the “**Online safety for Grandparents and Carers**” which is a new publication now available by going to the Be Connected homepage ([www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au](http://www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au)) and clicking on Grandparents Guide in the line under the banner advertisement OR go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers> You can download a copy of the booklet or order a hard copy to read at your leisure.

The Grandparents Guide will be launched and discussed at the ASCCA online conference.

## How to Geek

([www.howtogeek.com](http://www.howtogeek.com))

You can now combine your Apple phone and Apple Watch (assuming you have both and are working in iOS 14) to time your hand washing and provide reminders of occasions when hand washing is required. How to Geek explains the process but that seems excessive even for computer devotees. A mental count to 45 or 50 will achieve the same purpose. Remember hand washing with soap is always preferable to sanitiser.

For anyone who remembers the computer game “Minesweeper”, How to Geek notes that the game has recently (Sept 2020) had its 30th birthday. Anyone feeling older?

## Technological Ideas

(Quora) <[technologicalideas-space@quora.com](https://www.quora.com/technologicalideas-space)>

has a good, short article on the abilities of 5G (updated on October 6 2020). It is useful if you are wondering about 5G compared with NBN.

## Scamwatch ([scamwatch.gov.au](http://scamwatch.gov.au))

Includes a 30 September update on COVID-19 scams, including rental

scams and a rise in government impersonation scams. Well worth a read.

Also remember that you can report a scam to Scamwatch using the same webpage.

## Community Corner

Remember to vote in the ASCCA Peoples' choice photo competition.

The voting steps are carefully explained on the ASCCA website. The photos are included in seven google docs (links are given to each one).

The process involves looking at each folder; choosing and recording the number of the photo you wish to vote for in each category; and then accessing another webpage to record the numbers of your choices only.

All photos have been de-identified so we can't vote for our ParraPals entries. Not that we would do such a thing - may the best photographers win.

**N.B. The voting closes at 11.59pm on October 16th so please hop to it.**



Our cartoon this month comes from the Dubbo local paper. It seems quite appropriate for the current times. Also notice the other sign of a ZOOM meeting - being dressed from the waist up.

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