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President's message

Well, here we are at the end of 2009. What a great year we've had.

The special interest groups have been popular – the Genealogy SIG has had two wonderful field trips to the State Archives and to the State Library. And the Photo SIG has met regularly – but it needs a better convener to ensure it continues to meet members' needs (any takers???).

Our overall membership exceeded 200 at the end of June and is well on the way to exceed that this year.

Most courses have been full and for many we have a waiting list – so obviously there is an ongoing need in the Parramatta community for computer training.

We were successful with an application for funding from the Commonwealth Government and we are in the process of buying a new lap top, a new data projector (both for our members' meeting), a digital camera, and a hearing loop. The last item will assist members who have hearing loss and who have hearing aids with a "T" switch. Hopefully our hearing loop will be suitable for both the training room and the monthly meetings.

Unfortunately none of our members won a prize in any ASCCA competition this year – so we all have to lift our games. Perhaps we should start writing and revising, and clicking and editing now.

Deborah Martin and I recently ran a "Teaching Older People to Use Computers" course for trainers and buddies. It was well received by all who attended and we plan to run it again. So if you're interested in becoming a trainer or a buddy please put your name down so we can gauge interest and schedule another course.

Thanks to everyone who sent me best wishes during my recent stay in hospital – thankfully, I'm all better now.

My kindest regards to you all and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

John Moxon
President

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Book your Term 1 2010 courses

The program for Term 1 2010 is now out and you can book in at the Club Rooms on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th January

Wednesday 13th Jan

Tuesday 19th Jan

Wednesday 20th Jan

9.30am to 1.00pm each day

Remember also that if a course is not scheduled at a time you can make it or if a course is booked up, you can still register your interest and be placed on a waiting list.

Members' Meeting – Our 3rd Birthday!!!

Our 15th January Members' Meeting will also be our 3rd birthday party.

We are planning an expo of members' achievements – so if you have used the computer to do something you're proud of, contact Deborah Martin to arrange to display it (or them).

But in any case join us between 9.30 am and 11.30 am in the Gwen Logan Room.

Christmas Party 2009

Fifty or so members and guests celebrated our end of year festivities with a Christmas party at John and Margaret's place on 18th December.

It was held at Moxon's place because of a mix up with booking (our fault).

As with last year, members particularly liked the choice of paying \$2 and bringing a plate of food, or paying \$10 without food. The cash raised paid for drinks, plates and decorations.



We are particularly grateful to all those people who helped to make it happen including Maurie Green, Judy and Max Joyce, John Lee, Peter Grove and Deborah Martin, who all helped Margaret Green organise the event. And thanks to all those who gave lifts to those without cars. Well done folks.

Dates for Your Diary

Term dates

- Term 1 – Wednesday 27th Jan to Thursday 1st April 2010
- Term 2 – commences Monday 19th April to Thursday 1 July 2010
- Easter 2010 Good Friday 2 April 2010.

Monthly meetings

- Friday 15th January, 9.30 am
- Friday 19th February, 9.30 am
- Friday 19th March, 9.30 am

Our website

Your webmaster has created a Sitemap at www.parramattacps.org.au/sitemap.html so you can find your way around the website easily.

Correspondence will be entered into at secretary@parramattacps.org.au

Till next time. *Margaret*