

Presidents Report October 2007 - 2008

First of all I'd like to thank the members of committee who have been such a support during the past year. As you all know we had a troubled start with a couple of unexpected resignations from top Office Bearers. However we picked ourselves up and dusted ourselves down and overcame the problem!

Sarien our unflappable secretary has been a brick. Rob Waugh always ready to take over the reigns. Arthur so much help in the learning sessions and Bill for manning psn mail so efficiently. Tom too although having some problems during the year still produced the Website. Connie our Treasurer who filled the position so hastily and expertly. In fact there has been so much help from everyone of the committee. – Thanks guys.

PSN 's motto is people helping people. That is so true!

There has been some interesting Club News too through the past year :-

Peel Senionet received the Australia Day Community Award. Which took place on Australia day in January 2008

In March '08 we joined the Australia wide computer group – ASCCA – In fact we appeared on the front page of their newsletter. Quite a feather in our caps! We are hoping to extend our knowledge with the learning disks and other features from them.

One of Sarien's enterprises – The PSN library.

We purchased a container to house tapes, books and other learning software gathered by members to be available at the General Meetings.

In June Training disks from ASCCA arrived and proved to be a great help to members.

There was also the first talks about the City Council upgrading the Computer room (at their cost). More computers available and better access. Updated the computers from 2003 to 2007. These are now in action.

Then on 20th August. (with the help of Sariens perseverance) Kinsley Klau held a course on Digital Photography as part of our computer

sessions. He is a professional and with the aid of a grant and for the first time his services were procured.

Later the same month, we heard from the ASCCA group of Australia again –they were very impressed with a talk from speaker, Alasdair from the Mandurah Library. It is now part of a series of stories being collected by the ASCCA. (We're famous !)

Again that month we were fortunate for some members to come forward to assist at the monthly meetings. Previously there has been no margin for a member of committee to be away or sick. We thank those members, Chris Baker and Margaret Green. & Tess Evans.

I'd like to thank Robert Stewart for his help in manning the visual part of our meetings. Also Arthur for setting up an older laptop and covering during Roberts absence.

We look forward to the New Year and continued support from members.

Christine Jackson (President)

The AGM date for next year - 26th October 2009.