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NEWSLETTER

November 27th General Meeting



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President Merv Brindley
Vice President Russell Masters
Secretary Gwen Swaby
Treasurer Dixon Woollam

Opened by returning President Merv Brindley,

Now recovered from his health problem. This was appreciated by the members who applauded his reappearance!

Firstly Merv referred to the excellent job Robert Stewart has done in taking over the reigns as President during the last seven months. He also welcomed new Vice President Russell Masters and Gwen Swaby for taking over the Secretary's position.

He had some ideas about encouraging new members and will shortly be circulating a list of possible areas of interest to members such as reasons for joining the computer group, training topics and topics of interest for the monthly meetings. Merv said we are here to make the club enjoyable for all members.

Buddies

The members were reminded to contact their Buddies for help. No question is too small. Don't be shy!

The questions and answers session will be encouraged at the monthly meetings too and it is also planned to hold more sessions with the Buddies in the computer room on available Wednesdays.

Peel Senior Net Club Changes.

There are some major changes to the timing of the 2007 open meetings. Unfortunately the main hall will not be available on the previously arranged day of the month. Instead they will be held on the 2nd Monday for 8 months of the year and 2nd Thursday for the remaining 3 months. Details will be on the Website and no doubt we will have plenty of reminders from Gwen !

This, of course is a bit disturbing Merv said, as Peel Senior Net has been instrumental in building the interest for Seniors in the computer world, here in Mandurah. There does appear to be a lack of consideration to our group, Merv continued saying, members may like to contact the powers that be to voice their thoughts on this. However, apparently all is in place for next year with a new group coming to Mandurah and being accommodated at the Senior Citizens Center and this is not negotiable.

New Members

Welcome to new members John Lay, Kathy Blyth, Margaret Wheatley and John Butler.

Training



Tom Hoffman was not able to attend the meeting but there are full details on the Website for the training sessions for next year.

The usual Wednesday twice a month will still be available in the computer room.

Social Diary

The last function for this year, the lunch at Abingdon Village.



Kath Sheehan will be running the Social side next year. We thank her for taking over this position from Gwen.

Welfare Officer

We are looking for a member to come forward and replace Edith Smoothy for this. Edith is commended for her work over the last year. Please contact a member of committee if you can help.

New Brochures

1,000 at a cost of just over \$500 have been purchased for display at various functions. They are colorful and informative. However due to the Center changes for our meeting times the publication will need to be adjusted.

During the short break for afternoon tea arranged by Margaret, we enjoyed the usual exchange of ideas and tips between members.

Then we were entertained with an excellent speaker from Cartridge World here in Mandurah.

Mr Justin Thomas.

President Merv introduced Justin.



The first matter he spoke about was the importance of recycling. Cartridge World take part in this, with over 2,000 being thrown into waste it has become very important. Plus saving money, time and our environment.

Justin then gave an insight into the history of how the recycling of cartridges came about.

A drycleaner in Adelaide, he said, was out of work and came up with the idea he could recycle cartridges.

He secured a bank loan and with their backing, it all began. Now Cartridge World is one of Australia's fastest growing franchises and is the single biggest recycler and refiller of ink and toner cartridges in the world. Mandurah is considered a bench mark one stop shop and will refill most cartridges. With a money back guarantee plus pick up and delivery service. They stand by their product. Justin gave us some interesting tips on safely storing inks. He said the fridge is the best place. If there is a problem don't hesitate to call them.

Their premises have just had a major upgrade at a cost of \$15,000 and after viewing the pictures passed around it is excellent.

Their major business is refilling empty printer cartridges. Most cartridges can be refilled whether they are inkjet or laser, Justin said.

Cartridge World stores carry an extensive range of related products such as specialty papers ... printers, copier toners, fax supplies, cash register ...

Justin then spoke about the importance of the right paper, particularly for photos. Some fade depending on the printer compatibility. He also advised running two sets of cartridges, for example, with the Epsom printer.

There were a few questions from our members, among which were. Does an Epsom printer still work if not used for some time. Yes, was the answer. How often can Canon refills be used. The answer, over and over mostly or take to a recycling shop if worn out. These are then sent to the Eastern States and crushed to make other products like plastic chairs and tables. Interestingly HP printers only run on new cartridges. Watch out for large cartridges. These may have a big sponge within and only hold a small amount of actual ink. The makers of Epson printers in their wisdom, have put in a reset station on their cartridges. A new 'lockout chip' is now the vogue. Unfortunately the chip may burn out. China has made a chip that doesn't! This is unique to Epsom but according to Justin on Monday, it will be phasing out soon. I think originally, it was to stop people refilling their cartridges as if not reset, the printer would not work. Justin said they would not sell any new product until thoroughly tested.

Justin emphasized the importance of recycling. It saves the environment.

The motto is refill – not landfill !

The website is - www.cartridgeworld.com.au or email mandurah@cartridgeworld.com.au

He generously handed out a \$50 voucher as he completed his talk.

Justin was warmly thanked by the group.

Raffle result

Congratulations to Mary Crane who was presented with a voucher for \$20

Cheers everyone and have a great Christmas and New Year.



JOINING ROUTINE FOR OUR CLUB

**Open Meetings are held each month at the Mandurah City Senior Citizens Centre, Ormsby Terrace. Contact President Merv on 9531 2062 or Secretary Gwen on 9550 4927 for time details.
If you are 55 years of age or more, you will be made very welcome.**

Membership is from November to October and has been set at \$18 per single or \$30 per family / partner.

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Computec-will supply some specials when their representative gives the talk in August.
Wizard- Will give members 20% off in store and onsite service charges. Plus 5% discount on all system sales, and 5 – 10% discount on accessories.
Supa Nova – just tell them you are from Peel Senior Net. This should attract some discount.
