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NEWSLETTER

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

Monday 23rd October 2006 Peel SeniorNet monthly meeting and Annual General Meeting.



President Robert opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Robert said the meeting would start with the monthly business of the club and the AGM would follow.

Training

Training Robert explained would continue in the New Year . However the computer room is available on the 1st & 3rd Wed of each month, 9am – 4pm with a lunch break from 12 – 1pm. Committee members are available for these times to assist with any problems that members may have.

Tom, our Training Officer and Web Master reported the 'First Click program is going extremely well and the first students are trickling through to the 'follow up' promise of our own PSN Buddies.

Tom then told us of some changes he has made to the web. He said Acrobat Reader is now being used. The Newsletter for example he explained, with a demonstration on screen. What a useful program this can be especially for those with sight problems as talking books can be downloaded .

Buddies

The Buddy for your area appears on the web page. The Buddies are not Computer experts but may be able to assist you with minor problems or point you in the right direction for solving your problems.

New Member

We welcome new member Douglas Carpenter
This brings our membership to 142.

President Robert Stewart then gave his Annual Report for the Year 2005/2006

This past year began with the President Merv Brindley holding office for only five months, as in April 2006 he resigned from this position and the committee due to health reasons. Robert thanked Merv for all he did achieve during that time. He made special mention of the generally well attended monthly meetings and the interesting speakers. The PSN mailing address has been well used, administered by committee members who have done a great job. The social functions have been varied and strengthened friendship between members.

The training program run by Tom Hoffman has provided members with the knowledge to feel more at home with the complexities of computers. A government grant to run the First Click Training course for beginners. This program, open to the general public of the Peel Region, has been very successful. PSN as the sponsoring body for the course also gave each graduate access to using our Buddy System for a month after completing their course. We are very grateful to those who have volunteered their time and experience in this regard, Robert said.

The PSN Website is a credit to our organization as well. Serving the purpose of updating and keeping members in touch with the social and training events and activities.

Community Assistance Grant for finances has been granted to PSN under their Community Assistance Program. This will help for printing advertising material to be used at prominent avenues in the Peel District and will help raise the awareness of the general public of our existence.

During the last year we've extended our contacts with other groups in the Southwest and enjoyed the company of the RAAFA Computer club at our monthly meeting plus Busselton Senior Computer Club. We visited Bunbury Seniors Computer Club they are to be congratulated for the way they have established their club and how it was operated with the support of many of the local businesses.

Robert concluded his address saying how rewarded it has been that members continue to attend and show an interest in the clubs activities.

He reiterated the extent to which Tom has been involved with our group and in a similar vein, Dixon as treasurer, Christine as newsletter editor and birthday emails, Arthur in obtaining our guest speakers, Bill with his welcoming letters to new members and Tess as a valuable helper and stand in for Sheila, have all participated in helping to continue the club activities in a relaxed yet purposeful direction.

After four years on the committee I shall also not be standing for re-election, Robert said but I look forward to continuing my membership and activities as a buddy.

Since joining PSN some six years ago I have appreciated the opportunities that have enabled me to broaden my understanding and knowledge about many aspects of using a computer from the input of so many members and activities during this time.

Robert concluded by wishing the new committee all the best for the coming year.

Many thanks to Robert President and Sheila Secretary, for an excellent job this year.



Treasurers Report

Dixon Woolam was then called upon to present the Treasurers Report . This audited by Mr Ron Taylor.

Merv Brindly moved all reports received be accepted, Gwen Swaby seconded.

Our President then introduced Gwen Swaby Social Officer who gave a report on this years functions.

Gwen also reported on the Social Functions coming up for the rest of this year.

This years November mystery tour needs another 6 more members to fill the bus she said.

The end of year lunch will be held at the Abingdon Village . The cost is \$10.00 for lunch on 29th November. (Tour of gardens extra)

The Seniors Week is in full flush during this week and will cover many Seniors interest, A full program brochure is available at the Centre. Our contribution - **Wednesday 25th October 9.30am - 3pm** a 'Drop in to Chat' , held in the computer room.

Election of Officers. Ed Crane officiated as Returning Officer.

The nominations for officers were displayed on screen. There was some concern apparent as the position of President and Secretary was not filled. However from the floor the past president Merv Brindley who had retired due to ill health earlier in the year now stepped up to fill the position of President. Gwen Swaby our Social Officer also agreed to once more fill the position of Secretary on a temporary basis. Since then other help has been offered from members to take over at the beginning of next year.

Robert Stewart then closed the meeting and once more we enjoyed a great afternoon tea with some nice cakes supplied by members.

Raffle result.

This was drawn by Mev. Ticket no Z50 – Bill Robinson who won a \$20 gift voucher.

Special note

Next month speaker will be the Manager of Cartridge World Mandurah, Mr Justin Thomas, he will be coming along to entertain us with his expertise which covers much more than cartridges!

Cheers! Christine.



JOINING ROUTINE FOR OUR CLUB

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (with the exception of public holidays) at the Mandurah City Senior Citizens Centre from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. 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.

PROUD TO SUPPORT PEEL SENIORSNET!

The Mandurah City Senior Citizens Center, Computec, Supa Nova and Wizard Electronics – who will give members 20% off in store and onsite service charges. Plus 5% discount on all system sales, and 5 – 10% discount on accessories.
