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# NEWSLETTER



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**President Merv Brindley and Secretary Sarien De Beer.**

Merv our president opened the June Meeting and welcomed visitors and new members.

He was very pleased to announce that The Grant from the Government has been approved of over \$15,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> & and 2nd Click programs. These will be held in the computer room at the Senior Citizens Center are also open to the public and have a ceiling of 64 people starting in August this year.

Angela Lewis is the Co-ordinator for all the arrangements and Merv invited her to give a short talk at the Meeting.

She commenced by explaining to members that this government funded initiative started in 2001 and 30,000 have gone through the program . Their ages ranged from 15yrs to 94yrs and since then many have gained further skills and positions in the work force. Peel Seniornet has received funding for 2yrs and are one of 35 groups to do so.

Angela explain the program to us saying that 43 % of Seniors have also participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> click basics, which includes understanding terms & technology, emailing , printing etc. and removing the fear of computers 2<sup>nd</sup> click builds on those skills and is designed to give more confidence and become familiar with banking over the internet , shopping on line , downloading, web cam and communication skills.

There is an expression of interest available. Angela can be contacted on [angela@netfx.com.au](mailto:angela@netfx.com.au) but she will be in contact to finalize the program. Our President thanked Angela on our behalf for a most informative presentation.

He also thanked the three trainers, Co-ordinator Angela, Tom Hoffman and Iris Harrison for all their work in getting these programs working.



**Secretary Sarien,  
President Merv and  
'Click' Programs  
Co-ordinator  
Angela Lewis.**

### **Training Sessions – Tom Hoffman.**

PSN training sessions have been a little disappointing recently. Members are advised to refer to the Website for details. [www.peelseniors.net](http://www.peelseniors.net) There is a 'back to basics' course planned later this year. Head trainer Tom who also is one of the trainers for the 'Click' programs, will keep us informed of those details. Talking of which, this has been updated recently and no password is needed to get into the members area just click on Members Interest on the Home Page.

### **Buddies**

The Buddies Session on Wednesday afternoon 6<sup>th</sup> June in the Computer Room .

was entertaining for the Buddies but sadly missing were our members. In fact there were only 3 or 4



At the Open Meeting it was suggested and a note read out from a member that guys are sometimes hesitant in asking for help, thinking their problem too small. They were assured that this should not be a problem as Buddies are there for just that, no matter how simple the problem may seem.

The Buddies stood up at the meeting at the invitation of the members!

The use of Google was also discussed and how this program could be used in relation to learning skills, plus used to get to the website. Just type in [www.peelseniors.net](http://www.peelseniors.net) in the address space and click on 'go' . Apparently some members aren't familiar with this. The website can then be put into 'Favorites' .

### **Club News**

**Peel Seniorsnet participated in a display at Centro on 28<sup>th</sup> June. President Merv was on duty all day joined by a band of volunteers from members.**

#### **Seminar.**

Center Link are running a series of these that will cover Pension eligibility and help for carers. Last month we had an interesting speaker who advised our group on matters concerning the use of money gained in various ways and how this could affect pensions. More information available at Centrelink.

#### **The Trade Table –**

These gave an extra attraction at the Open Meeting and was well received. We will be kept informed in relation to further trade table displays.

#### **New members**

Welcome to:-

Edna Parkinson and Robert Gomm.

### ***Social Diary report. – Kath Sheehan***

*Social events to date have not been that well attended and I wonder if members are no longer interested in the social side?*

*Morning tea at the Merchant Tea & Coffee Co. on the 20<sup>th</sup>, was rather disappointing. Very few members took advantage of a lovely bright*



Kath continues - To get some idea of what you, the members, would like to do socially, would you please email me indicating whether morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea or evening dinner or any other event would of interest For example the following are on at the MPAC over the next 5 months: The Ten Sopranos July 27; Shake, Rattle and Roll, Cabaret 31 Aug -if you can still S,R&R; Carmen 25 Sept; Magical Music Hall 25 Oct; Singin' in the Rain 8-11Nov. Group bookings are usually available.

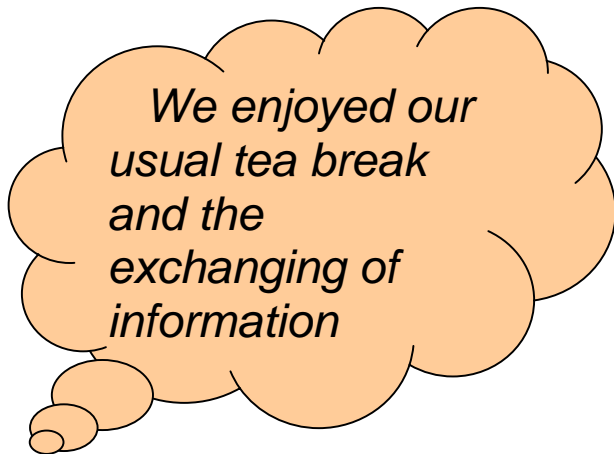
I am sure you can think of others if so please send your email to [makulu2@smartchat.net.au](mailto:makulu2@smartchat.net.au)

*Please note: lunch is at Hans Cafe on the Boardwalk on Tuesday July 31. email me if you plan to come along.*

**Future Speakers**

July Monday 23-Russell Masters – introduction to Microsoft money  
August Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Rod Cridge – Smart Home & Office Tecnology  
September Monday 24 - September Les Shepard, will give a talk on Genes Reunited.

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**June Guest speaker**

Rod Cridge unfortunately didn't make it to the meeting but has offered to come in August,

Luckily Terry Lewis together with Angela were persuaded to help out. They gave an excellent talk on their experiences with the traveling trailer full of computers, called Training Wheels!

Terry started by telling us that originally in 1991 he was just messing around with computers then he became like a kid with a new toy! Angela his wife became aware that this new toy could lend itself to helping the unemployed. Eventually , starting with only 10 people and for 6mths . Then after seeing these dispirited guys become so motivated they started a training school. It was very successful and the first accredited training Course developed.

Then Training Wheels for internet training became a reality and one source of funding came from BHP.

There were two trailers used one to live in and one set up as an office with satellite and internet and especially built furniture such as fold down desks. In conclusion Terry said The Northwest service gave them much pleasure particularly helping farmers and Aborigines, many people travelled long distances to take advantage of the training.

Wonderful initiative, talented couple and congratulations from all of us. Heartily thanked by President Merv.

**Raffle Result, drawn by Angela Lewis.  
Kaye Grundman was the lucky winner with ticket number Z97  
Congratulations !**

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Here's a tip about how to stop those telemarketing calls.

'Do Not Call register'

The government's long awaited **Do Not Call register** means that from May 31 it will be illegal for telemarketers to call if you register.

This can be done quite easily. Go to **www.donotcall.gov.au** for more info and fill out a form. These are also available at the post offices as from 31<sup>st</sup> May. To register, you have to be the phone account holder or their representative.

If you receive telemarketing calls more than a month after registering, lodge a complaint online at **www.donotcall.gov.au**, or call 1300 792 958.

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**Reminder July 23rd next Open Meeting in the Main Hall, Senior Citizens Centre.**

**Cheers Christine.**

