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President Merv Brindley and Secretary Sarien De Beer.

Merv our president opened the May Meeting and welcomed visitors and new members.
He was very pleased to announce that Peel SeniorNet has retained the use of the main hall for our monthly open meetings.

Training Sessions

1st and 2nd 'Click programs

Merv explained that our group is hopeful of the success of an approved future Government Grant specifically to be used for the return of the 1st and 2nd 'Click programs.

These are 10 week courses with accredited instructors plus a couple of our members starting in July this year and the courses will be for 2yrs. In the passed these have proved to be very successful .

More information and confirmation is eagerly awaited by the next meeting.

Angela Lewis, ex coordinator of the Senior Citizens Center has retained her position with us and has been responsible for all the work entailed for the grant application .

Tom Hoffman, our Chief Tutor and Web Master is now back in Mandurah and he is once more in charge of the learning sessions in the Computer Room, which are available to us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month free of charge. These are detailed on the web page www.peelseniors.net

Thank you to our members for their participation in recording interests on the recently circulated learning requests document. This is a great help in designing future sessions.

Thanks was extended from the floor to the members who helped out in the computer room with learning programs whilst Tom was away.



Members of PSN
Enjoying the open
Meeting in the main
hall At the Senior
Citizens Centre on
May 28th

Club News

Our President advised and recommended to members, an excellent new store called Office Works that has a large stock of all requirements for the computer world. Quite hard to find at first he said as it is situated in the new area but is perhaps best described as near Bunnings and around to the rear of Retrovision.

Buddies

A 'Meet the Buddies Session' is coming up on Wednesday afternoon 6th June in the Computer Room . These are for members to get to know their Buddies and overcome any shyness they may have.

Please come along and enjoy the afternoon.

The Trade Table - for members - will be back at the next meeting. Don't throw your computer related goods away – somebody could probably make good use of them !

Here is what you do.

Together with the article, bring in an envelope containing a description of your goods, the cost, if any and your name visible.

New members

Welcome to:-

Robert Waugh, Bob Gomm & John Passmore.

Social Diary report.

May 29th, morning tea at Pinjarra Rose Gardens, Edenvale was most enjoyable. The first fine day for a week !

We will keep you posted for future events.



Future Speakers

June – Rod Cridge , Manager Director of Smart Home & Office Technology, including wireless connection (Rod would like suggestions as to interests of Members)

July – Russell Masters, Vice President, is to give an Introduction to Microsoft Money Program. Future speakers for the year are in the pipeline. *Thanks Arthur.*

We enjoyed our usual monthly meeting tea break and the exchanging of information between members before the main event!
Our thanks to Margaret Green for organizing these.



May Guest speaker

Norm Cox & colleagues speaking to us on 'Reverse Mortgages'.



The benefits for this are that you can access cash as a lump sum, a regular stream of income or a combination of both to suit your needs.

That could mean a longed for trip of a lifetime or a new car or supplementing a pension, for instance !

Reverse mortgages are one of the fastest growing financial products in Australia.

No repayments are required to be made during the life of the loan which is usually taken over a family home.

A lender will insist the you obtain independent legal/ financial advice before they will grant a loan. This is highly recommended. One group called SEQUAL have laid down a code of conduct.

A big advantage as I see it, is that you can carry on living in your own home for as long as you wish. We were advised not to give up the Title however.

In Mandurah we have our own expert in helping to make decisions on Reverse Mortgage. John Roeburn, of Nicholson Clement Lawyers. In fact he holds Seminars on the subject. Annette, the speaker from Centrelink also gave our members some great advice on the affect on our pensions and said the the Financial Information Service is available to everyone. I feel that there is not enough space here to give all our members the information they may need but all those attending the meeting were privileged to receive plenty of documentation from each of our speakers in the form of booklets, pamphlets and folders containing wonderful information.

They were all warmly thanked by our President Merv and were given a hearty show of appreciation from all those present.

Raffle Result

Raffle Result Lucky winner – drawn by our speaker Norm Cox – C23 – lucky winner - Douglas Carpenter

Quick Tip

Vista Compatible: Yes or No?

Microsoft have integrated what is called a **Program Compatibility Wizard** into Vista. So, if you have an older program that is not working with the new operating system, you can run it through this wizard to simulate earlier versions of Windows to try and get it to work again. To get to the wizard, just go to **Start, Control Panel** and click on **Programs**. Next, click on the option that says "**Use an older program with this version of Windows**" and the wizard will open.

You can then just go through the steps and see if the program will actually work with Vista. Now, most of the programs that worked with XP also work with Vista, but you may have some trouble with a lot of the older programs. Also, you shouldn't use the wizard with any older antivirus programs, disk utilities or other system programs. Doing that could cause some security holes or even data loss. So, if you feel like you're in a rut with getting your programs to work with your new Vista computer, give this wizard a try. You never know what it could do for you!

Reminder June 25th next Open Meeting in the Main Hall, Senior Citizens Centre.

JOINING ROUTINE FOR OUR CLUB

Open Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Mandurah City Senior

Citizens Centre, Ormsby Terrace. Contact President Merv on 9531 2062 or Secretary Sarein 9534 7173 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.

Cheers Christine

