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NEWSLETTER



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Russell Masters Dept. President opened the August Monthly Meeting and announced that Merv our President is on holiday and will be away until the end of September.

Russell reminded the meeting that the minutes are now on our Website. Also the Bussleton Seniors have invited PSN to their Expo Day on the September 18th from 9am and perhaps some of our members might like to visit.

As we all know the 1st & 2nd Click Programs are now progressing and it is pleasing to note that some of our members are also participating.

A very important date coming up in October for PSN - the AGM. Any members interested in participating on Committee please speak up by next month. The present Committee will be glad to help.

Leaning Session are being formulated by Tom for an advanced computer course and even the possibility of a paid session run by a professional is being considered.

Russell said that there is a great deal of interest in a Digital Photo Course. He called to members for advise on this. Apparently Reg. Bridges did do a program for Senior Cits. a while ago and we are going to try and contact him.



Open Session dates (members contributing their time)

Russell invited myself to explain a couple of Sessions coming up that will be in the computer room.

The first is on 19th September at 9am

This will be a type of revision and will cover making greeting cards, personal cards plus assembling a booklet.

All will be in the Microsoft Word program. Jean will also be showing examples of making writing/shopping lists, decorated and for various uses.

Then on the 17th October at 9am.
We will be learning how to make a
Calendar for 2008.

This is in a Workshop Style and
using the 'Publisher' program.
Special emphasis on copying and
pasting and inserting own photos
and messages.

Hand outs will be available for
both Sessions.

Please contact me –
cjackson_01@optusnet.com.au or
Phone 95815945, if you are
interested in putting your name
on a list as there are only 10
computers available.



There were some quite lively discussions on making calendars that
followed.

Chiefly about the finishing touches to hold sheets in place, apart from a
single strip that can be used and slides across the top section to support
the twelve pages. In the Post Office, for example, there are some excellent
binders for Calendars and Ink Spot does professional binding very cheaply.

Club News

Members – We welcome new member Marlene Mitchell.
PSN membership now stands at 131.

Minutes – These now appear on our Web site – just click on Members Interest on the
Home Page.

Social Calendar.

Kath gave us a few dates to remember.
Firstly the Morning Tea at Ninos on the 5th
September. Later the same month on the 28th
a visit to Geranium World.
An ideal place for Digital Photography. In
November, a cruise and lunch at the
'Clansman' is being looked into. No date yet
but the cost would be about \$48 each.
Please contact Kath on -
makulu2@smartchat.net.au

Buddies

These are there to help members.
This is a reminder that the Peel
District areas are divided up into
sections, manned by volunteers.
(Shown on the web) We are still
needing help in the areas of
Meadow Springs, San Remo.
Silver Sands and Madora. Come
on guys – you don't need to be an
expert just to give help pointing in
the right direction.

Future Speakers. (Arthur Turvey convener)

The following will be our future speakers.

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| Monday 24 th September | - Les Shepard, will talk on Genes Reunited. |
| Monday 22 nd October (AGM) | - Julia, from Office Works to talk on their range of Computer related products. |
| Monday 26 th November | - Telstra Country Wide. (Including Afternoon tea !) |

Dept Chairman Russell then held a question, answer and comments session.

Several points came up. One member said she felt safer using Thunderbird or Eudora rather than Microsoft Outlook Express.

All these programs are much the same it seems.

Then a tax comment was discussed in regard to Shares and using the internet . A bit of handy advice - this member, when trying to contact the necessary area found the figure one was mistaken for a letter i. It took sometime to work this problem out ! How do you download Yahoo when it is not visible? It was suggested to revisit original site and download again.

What to do when writing is too small on screen? Highlight and copy by using 'Edit'. Open 'Word and once more go to 'Edit and paste into 'Word' enlarge writing by using 'font size'.

Problems with word program files? Right click on the Icon and rename the file. Or go to 'All programs' and make sure the 'ticks' are where they should be.

We paused for a break at this time and enjoyed our usual cuppa and discussions with friends on computer experiences.,

When the meeting re-opened Russell handed over to Arthur Turvey our speaker coordinator who introduced the speaker Mick Story who has considerable knowledge in computers and later Dr Johanna Vogel who founded the business of Peel Smart Home & Office Technology.



Speaker for the month of August Mick Storey

Mick the Sales Manager of Office Technology, gave a presentation about them and it's services. These include supply of products and working in schools and large and small businesses. They will upgrade and supply a large range of equipment, also design web bases. Plus, supply Desktop, Laptop Computers and Web Cams. There is also pensioner concession.

Mick's presentation also was shown on screen, at one point with some excellent sound.

The topics for the day were protecting your home from online fraud and phishing, protecting your pc from worms, viruses & spy ware which invade personal files. Protecting legitimate banking It is very important to use a good Security System and Fire Wall.

Another problem area is Software Piracy. Illegal Software can cause big problems too. Copy write also, even new machines can include copied programs. These carry harsh penalties – up to \$25.000 or jail !

How to keep it legal.

Make a record of all you buy. Even a CD must have license numbers. Confirm their authenticity Mick advised.

He told us that he is often asked – is it wise to upgrade to Vista – Mick explained that it does have a very good Fire Wall, built in. A lot more security and very good graphics. But don't buy ' Home Basics'.

3 or 4yr. old printers do not work. In fact if XP is working well don't change !

Mick then indicated the range of special offers to our group that he brought along to the meeting. These created a lot of interest from members.

We were then introduced to Dr Vogel who gave us a short history on how the firm started in Perth and then to Mandurah. She asked if we knew much about home Smart Technology, saying these are ways to make life easier. Such as telephone voice over and smart lighting and heating plus security – by setting a control in the house. She offered to talk to our group at a later date.

It was time to call it a day and Russell, on our behalf thanked Mick Storey and Dr Vogel for a most enjoyable afternoon.

TIP.

Here is a question that came up in the August edition of 'World Start' Newsletter that seems to have been answered very well by one of their writers. I thought it might be of interest to PSN members.

Q I'm running a dual boot system with both Windows Vista and Windows XP. I would like the default setting to be Vista, but I can't figure out how to do that. Can you please help me?

A: Well, as a matter of fact, I can! This question is perfect for anyone out there who is running a dual boot setup on their computer. Now, I'm talking about a dual boot between Windows Vista and Windows XP. If that's the setup you have, are you having trouble getting the Vista operating system to come on as your default system? Maybe you want to learn how to use Windows Vista, but you want to keep XP around too, just in case you run into some problems with Vista, etc.

If this sounds like your situation, make sure you keep reading to find out how you can easily change your default settings to be exactly the way you want them!

To do so, just follow these quick instructions:

1.) With your Windows Vista operating system turned on, right click on the **Computer** icon on your desktop and choose **Properties**.

2.) Click on **Advanced System Settings**.

3.) Next, under the **Startup and Recovery** section, click on the **Settings** button.

4.) Finally, select the operating system you want to be your default (in this case, **Microsoft Windows Vista**).

That's all there is to it! Now, you could use the `bc` `dedit` command from the command line to do this same thing, but trust me, this way is much easier. Once you have the operating system of your choice selected, just hit **OK** and you'll be all set!

You can then shut down your computer and restart it. Your new default operating system should start right up for you and you can then go back to happy computer land. Give it a try today!

Raffle Result – won by yours truly - \$20 voucher. A Lovely surprise !

Reminder September 24th next, General Meeting in the Main Hall, Senior Citizens Centre. *Time Alteration* - we will start an hour later at **2.30pm**

Cheers Christine.

Merv then conducted a short question and answer session. These included :-

Q Is it possible to export out of the Microsoft Money program into another program?
A Yes you should be able to do this with a program in use.

Q If something in Word will not open , because it may be infected – what to do ?
A Scan immediately with an anti virus program.

Q What is the best way to downsize photos ?
A One way is to down load a program free within Google called 'IrfanView' Follow the instructions. Just choose the size required.

Another way is to make a copy and then down size on a personal program.

Q When typing (on a program) can you put it on a disk to give to someone else ?
A Yes, if you have the original disk.

Merv concluded the meeting "That's all folks we look forward to see you all again next month ".

(Good wishes to Merv and his health check results)

Raffle Result, Orange E16

Congratulations to Mary Cooper.

***Reminder August 27th next, Open Meeting in the Main Hall,
Senior Citizens Centre.***

Cheers Christine.

Abbott & Costello Article. (Long but will have you in stitches !)

Costello calls and wants to buy a computer from Abbott...

ABBOTT: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den, and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look in the windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Software for windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What have you got?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend office with windows.

COSTELLO: I already have an office and it has windows! OK, lets just say, I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue "W."

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue "w" if you don't start with some straight answers. OK, forget that. Can I watch movies on the Internet?

ABBOTT: Yes, you want Real One.

COSTELLO: Maybe a real one, maybe a cartoon. What I watch is none of your business. Just tell me what I need!

ABBOTT: Real One.

COSTELLO: If its a long movie I also want to see reel 2,3&4. Can I watch them?

ABBOTT: Of course.

COSTELLO: Great, with what?

ABBOTT: Real One.

COSTELLO: OK, I'm at my computer and I want to watch a movie. What do I do?

ABBOTT: You click the blue "1."

COSTELLO: I click the blue one what?

ABBOTT: The blue "1."

COSTELLO: Is that different from the blue w?

ABBOTT: The blue 1 is Real One and the blue W is Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: But there's three words in "office for windows"!

ABBOTT: No, just one. but its the most popular Word in the world.

COSTELLO: It is?

ABBOTT: Yes, but to be fair, there aren't many other Words left. It Pretty much wiped out all the other Words out there.

COSTELLO: And that word is real one?

ABBOTT: Real One has nothing to do with Word. Real One isn't even Part of Office.

COSTELLO: Stop! Don't start that again. What about financial bookkeeping you have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled to my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy money.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

(LATER)

COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off??

ABBOTT: Click on "START"