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Busy entrance to the meeting

The November Monthly Meeting was opened by newly elected President Terry Lewis.

He welcomed visitors and new members to the meeting. He also announced that a Vice President had been accepted at committee and congratulated Robert Waugh. He said there are many exciting things coming to Peel Seniornet. Starting with this meeting and Vasanti Sanderland, Coordinator and passionate worker, giving an insight into



Tales of Times Past, Continuing with the speaker for the day from Telstra, Trevor Hill introducing some great information on new technology and finally he himself would be talking on the various benefits of 'Google'.

Members relax while attending the last meeting of the year.



Firstly Vasanti was Introduced by Alistair Wardle from Mandurah Library also a Community Officer. Vasanti gave an enthusiastic talk on the 'Tales of Times Past' program which is to make aware to the younger generation of times gone by and the changes in our history which has been faster than any generation in the past.

We had a lot of fun contributing and "remembering when" and some of the things our group remember, for example, the copper for washing clothes, plus the mangle, the outside dunny, the miner returning from work covered in coal dust and the tin bath that was used in front of the fire, the crystal radios, no electricity and so on !

The group is now an incorporated body and specializes in gathering groups together and hearing their stories. These then used to educate the present generation. There is an active free program which includes opportunities to re-tell some stories to children at local schools and to the wider community. A meeting is planned for the New Year and the venue is Old Mandurah Yacht Club Cnr. Mary St. & Halls Head Parade on Thursday 21st Feb. 2008. 10am – 12.30pm. Morning tea provided. An ideal opportunity to have a good yarn !

Further information can be obtained on vtsun@globaldial.com or phone Vasanti 9383 3790, Mandurah Library 9550 3651.

Terry thanked Vasanti on behalf of all members.

He continued by telling the members that Peel Seniornet has nominated for an Australia Day Community Award. This is in January 2008 and we are all invited to be there ! Australia Day and the presentations of Awards, will start as in years gone by, with Breakfast on the Foreshore usually catered for by a community organization and only a small cost. It's quite a day

with plenty of things to do and stalls set up showing other groups wares. Last year there was a prominent broadcaster from Perth plus performers and bands.

Here's another interesting item. A PHD Student from Murdoch University is looking for Seniors to take part in a study showing their interests and exercises. There is a survey available until 15 December. If you would like to take part. Please go to - <https://www.tlc.murdoch.edu.au/survey/active.html> anytime and follow the instruction for completing the on line survey. It'll take about 15minutes.

Next Terry talked about the benefits of joining National computer Senior Groups with similar interests to ourselves. To this end we have joined the Australia Seniors Computer Association (A.S.C.A). There have been many contacts with groups here in the West he said which have proved fruitful and enjoyable. It seems there is quite a rosy future in store for Peel Seniorsnet !



Training – Tom Hoffman

These are in recess at the moment as we are so near the Christmas break. Tom is unwell just now but I'm sure all will be organized early next year.

Open Session dates (1st & 3rd Wednesdays only in the computer room) will resume next year also and maybe in a more structured form. Something to look forward to.

Buddies

Terry said this is a great service for PSN to have. He requested that the Buddies stand up at the meeting so they could be recognized by members. He also explained and read out from a list the areas that each Buddie looks after. Not experts or technicians but they can assist or advise. Don't forget –only a phone call away! Details are on the web www.peelseniors.net How about putting this on your desk top or in 'Favorites' so it is easy to access.

The President then asked the meeting at this time – what do we want out of these meetings ? There were some questions asked from members about problems they have and many useful answers from other members present – such as how to re-establishing a lost email program and another about a tower moving problem which had a short flex ? A member requested a better mail program should be established . Terry said the later was actually being looked into. There was a request for more software instructions sessions. Also could a wireless mike be used at the monthly meetings during question time ?

This inter action from members was taken on board by Terry and I'm sure will give many ideas to the new committee to act upon in 2008.

Club News

We welcome new members – John and Wendy Manchester, Joyce Whitaker Marie Cherrington and Keith and Maria Spencer.

Social Calendar.- Kath

A Christmas cruise and lunch on board has been booked for Monday Dec.3rd. We meet near the Performing Arts Center at 11.40am.

If you have a problem contact Kath on makulu2@smartchat.net.au

Hope to see you there!

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

Speaker.



President Terry Lewis Introduced Trevor Hill from Telstra Country Wide.

Trevor asked us to think back in time to when communication was done with smoke signals, drums and on to post then telephone, mobile phones then personal computers. Now new technology—smart dust for example used for tracking objects, G network – the best mobile solution.

Blue tooth is very popular, vehicle tracking, internet broadband, and video conferencing, plus much more, the best of all Smart products, these used to control a whole house – security, lighting atmosphere and even shopping automatically. Now whole new estates are building Smart Products into their homes.

Trevor demonstrated many mobile phones now in use plus new modems to connect to a computer, suitable for travelling with more coverage for phones was available with the help of a small portable aerial.

All very interesting and produced some healthy interaction from members, some calling for lessons on how to use mobile phones and why were keys made for midgets?. Trevor's good humoured answer was that there are now voice activated mobiles available!

He also told us of the many ways to download through a mobile phone device.

President Terry then thanked Trevor on our behalf for a very knowledgeable and entertaining presentation.

Terry brought the meeting to a close with some very handy hints and a demonstration on 'Google'.

He and Angela showed on screen, how to do 'trouble shooting with Google. Terry said never forget that "Google is your friend" !

We then viewed our own web page in www.peelseniors.net in the same and how to access which area of interest you wish to see for example click on 'Members' and from there training, photos, meetings and so on can be seen.

(Notes :- It is quite a good idea to make Google your home page. Saving in 'Favorites' can make access very easy to any programs

Time got away from us but everyone was very appreciative of Terry and Angela's efforts and they were shown a great deal of support from members.



Best wishes to all members for Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year.

Cheers Christine.

The next meeting - *February 25th in the mail hall of the Senior Citizens Centre at 1.30pm.*