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Home of Peel Seniornet

The July monthly meeting was introduced by President Christine. We welcomed members, visitors and new members Beverly Ross, Helen McGee, Jack Russel & Maureen Butson

Christine then showed a recently published article about Peel Seniornet used as the front page of the circulated newsletter of the ASCCA group of Australia. It appears they were very impressed with the talk from our speaker Alasdair from the Mandurah Library. It is now part of a series of stories being collected by ASCCA.

Member Meri Forrest has also contributed to a website that is for Senior's stories on www.seniorsonscreen.com.au/ - there, view digitally ten stories and a title of a film.

Have we anymore authors out there ? Sounds good to me !!



Christine continued with some other club news. Firstly thanking the members who have come forward to assist at the monthly meetings. Up to now there has been no margin for a member of committee to be away or sick. That is now covered.

Another area we were missing was the help of Robert Stewart – he has been away and his expertise was sadly missed but Arthur Turvey has done a mountain of a job. Particularly bringing back to life a very old laptop and producing some great photos and music, plus a demo of the program Swift.

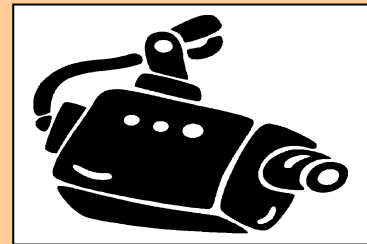
Hints and Tips Bulletin (A new innovation)

These are proving very popular and Sarien will now be producing them as a regular feature to be sent out by email to members.

Training.

This is progressing well on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month and the new Time Table is well underway.

There is one change to the 20th August. Kinsley Klau is going to do a course on Digital Photography. He is a professional and with the aid of a grant his services have been procured. The class is now full but we are hoping to extend another time.



Demo on Swift – Arthur Turvey.

Arthur explained the program which also included a sound commentary. Firstly it showed a text program called word then explaining format . For example indenting paragraphs left, center or right. Then using the undo tool if required.

Arthur said there are 5 video discs - how to save videos. Excel disk that can be down loaded , word and power point (2002) windows movie maker, quick time and all the different features of Google, flash player, how to open and how to save.

An excellent learning program. Much appreciated by our group.

At question time some members had a few things they wished to discuss. Aileen asked about the camera program on the 20th August. May members bring their own Note Pads ? Christine pointed out that this program was mainly on how to operated personal digital camera. Cameras, fully charged, instruction book, are the main requirements.

Another member asked about photo story application for own photos. Probably not this time but we could always ask. Arthur's Wednesday class also helps in this area.

By then we all needed a cuppa which Margaret had prepared.

The speaker for the day Steve Johnson of J-Line.

Speaking on General computer knowledge. Firstly Steve spoke on security programs. Apparently AVG is one of the best and easy to manage. Any unwanted security programs should be deleted as they are just space wasters. Email programs were discussed next and Outlook Express as are others is shared and can carry bugs. Steve also talked of Spy Ware and the pitfalls. Look out for the most reliable. Only one is required. Too many is a waste of time and space. Customize your programs and only use what you require. Steve advised Word, Excel for mostly all you need. Too many attract bugs especially in Internet Explorer.

Steve demonstrated on screen. He showed how important it is to delete unwanted programs. Beware going back a day or two to retrieve a lost file, in 'system restore' as this may return viruses also. He emphasized how important it is to delete addresses when forwarding mail. This can cause viruses to be forwarded too.

Steve Johnson of J-Line.



Members also enjoyed a short question time and Steve attempted to answer everyone.

At the completion of his presentation, Christine asked Steve if he would like to come again. He said he would.

Christine presented Steve with our Certificate of Appreciation. He was thanked by all for an entertaining afternoon.

Steve then drew the Raffle. Congratulations to Joy Edwards, with ticket no. B76

Christine thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.30pm .

The next meeting is on August 25th.

Tip for Add & Remove Programs

Q:

I was looking through my Add/Remove Programs list the other day and I noticed most of the items were updates. There were Windows Updates and others I've run for other programs in the past. Is it safe to remove them or do I need to hang on to them?

A:

Run through the list of applications you have installed on your computer, you'll find that most of them are for updates you've run in the past. There might even be some in there from years back. So, if they're so old, it's safe to assume you can get rid of them, right? Well, maybe not. Keep reading to find out why!

If your computer didn't need them, you wouldn't have had to install them in the first place. The updates are there to keep your computer working at its best and if you removed them, you'd basically be undoing the work the updates did to begin with. Plus, removing the updates could put you at risk for security holes or other vulnerabilities.

Looking at Add/Remove Programs, you're probably going to think your list is a bit long. But in all actuality, it's probably not as long as it could be. You see, when you run an update for one of the programs on your computer, the new material always overtakes the old. If the program you're using is programmed right, it will automatically remove any older updates you no longer need. It works the same as when you're installing a new version of a program. It's a basic rule that the new overrides the old. So, basically, the updates are already doing the removal work for you.

