



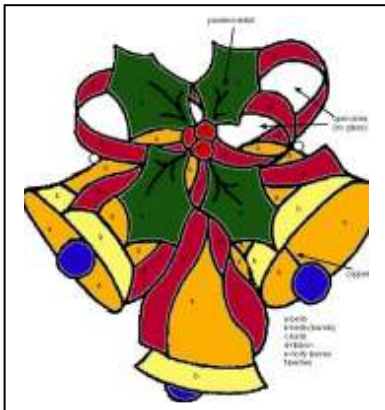
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GENERAL MEETING Monday November 24th. 2008

President Christine Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed new members and visitors. She continued by telling us about a puzzle we have to solve! Although Members have been catching up with their fees and new applications for membership are going well one person has put in an envelope his or her \$20 – with very unclear details – especially the name! We would be grateful if someone can shed some light on this.

I'd like to emphasize to all members to please be more careful and print details on the front of an envelope and place fee and application form if required into the PSN mail box at the center office here. Renewals of membership may still be done the same way but it's even more important to show your details. Receipts may be picked up at the General Meetings.

Or of course alternatively fees may be paid then too and receipts issued immediately.

Training.

The new learning sessions for next year are in place. As you now know we are putting a small charge on the ones held by Tom Hoffman, this is not only to help with costs but also to be a better method of members actually turning up on the day ! The cost is \$5 a session or \$30 for all 7 sessions , again the mail box here may be used with your name on the front of the envelope and showing 'Tom's sessions etc.' clearly! Alternatively by snail mail PSN Mail Box 987 Mandurah .6210

The schedual has been sent to all members and is also on the PSN Web Site. General help Sessions remain at no cost.



The Social Functions

Our new Social Officer Alvin, is doing a great job and members enjoyed a lovely morning tea at Bright water cafe on the 12th November.

Alvin reminder us to take this opportunity to pay for the lunch for Abingdon Miniature Village on Wednesday 10th December - this is the last day to do that he said. The cost is \$18 each and it will have a Christmas flavour !

On Tuesday 6th of January 2009 at Meadow Springs Golf Club there is going to be morning tea at 10 am.

Then the next Morning tea is Tuesday February 10th 2009 on the foreshore - 10am, bring own morning tea, a chair, hat and camera.

Peel Senior Expo Report Oct 31st – 1st Nov.

The Expo went well. The stall was colorful especially the new Banner, which one of the teachers from a local school made for us. The information on our table was snapped up. There was a lot of interest and

I believe several people have applied for Peel Senionet membership.

The coordinator of the centre, Kerrie Robinson envisages a Seniors Expo every year from, now on!

The Mayor also introduced the new name for the center. Now called Ac-cent Mandurah! This has caused quite a stir !



Peel Seniorsnet entertained a wonderful visitor from ASCCA, Executive Director, Nan Bosler on October 25th. Nan was attending the Internet Conference in Fremantle. We were not able to attend because the dates conflicted with our own Expo. However we invited her to Mandurah. A great afternoon sharing experiences topped off with afternoon tea.



The speaker for 24th November -- David Templeman

An off the cuff presentation by Mandurah's renowned local personality.

David commenced by relating his experience recently which he thought would be of interest to our group. An elderly lady he said told him a story at the office one day.

This lady was excited but sad because she recently became a Great Grandmother and had not seen a photo of the newest arrival of the family in England.

David and his staff immediately came to the rescue and using their email ability contacted the relative and within minutes produced a photo of the lovely baby.



The lady's astonishment and gratitude was a sight to behold ! This, of course, was received with much understanding as many of us are in the same position. Ah.. the wonders of modern technology !

David has found a new interest though. In fact one might say and according to his partner too, he has become a fanatic!

He has gone 'Green' ! In fact become a 'Digger member'. That is to say growing his own fruit and vegetables has become the biggest interest in his life. With enthusiasm he pointed out the advantages. Firstly though he described the genetically modified fruit and vegetables in the super markets which last and looks tasty but because it is all treated with chemicals has in fact lost taste and texture.

David now has a garden to be proud of and he is often seen late evening with a torch removing by hand all those greedy snails!

He emphasized the importance of seeds, purchased or saving your own.

This interest actually started in Northam where he grew up. He remembers fondly the marvelous jam made by his Grandmother from the garden grown fruit. His aim now is to present that Grandmother with a jam made from the fruits of his own garden !

He went on to say how pleased he feels that some of the curriculum in schools now include the production of fruit and vegetables. He said that it gives a lot of pleasure to the children. They are not only creating but learning about the health issues of eating fresh vegetables and realizing the produce doesn't just come from packets and bottles in the supermarkets but has to be grown first. This then teaches the benefits of natural enrichment of the soil. Utilizing peel from vegetables, tea leaves and other waste from households. In fact recycling organic waste.

David would like to see Mandurah lead the way for real change in this direction.

In fact to all his friends this Christmas he excitedly told us, he intends to "give 'em seeds!"

The first Farmer's Market will be held on the 6th December in Pinjarra this year. He encouraged us all to go.

To conclude there were comments from the group including memories of the old 'allotment' that families had when they were young. Families grew their own fruit and vegetables . Friendships were built. A time of simple enjoyment and achievement although sometimes back breaking I remember !

The group were most appreciative of David's lively presentation. We presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. He then kindly drew the Raffle which included two bottles of local wine to Peel Seniornet, a Christmas gift from David !

The winners of the Raffle included, Dixon Woolam, Mary & Ed Crane. Hard workers for PSN and very worthy winners!

President Christine then thanked everyone for attending and reminded members that there will not be a General Meeting in January 2009, 'Australia Day ' instead.

Hope to see you there!

The next General Meeting is on Monday February 23rd.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!



Christine.