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Home of Peel Seniornet

Christine our president opened the May General Meeting and welcomed new members Peter Lomas, Willie Minchin.

She went on to put members in the picture about our club news which this month seems to be a lot !

Club News.

Peel Seniornet Library.

This is almost ready .There are some great books and very useful tapes and other learning software available free of charge. Next month we should be organized with a register etc. and have all displayed at the meeting.

Training.

The computer room sessions are now in place for the next six months starting in July. They will of course be published on the web site but also members will be sent a copy via the PSN mail shortly.

The training disks from ASCCA have arrived and those who had ordered, picked them up at the meeting for \$5 unfortunately we need to order more and they will cost \$10 each. I must say though, very worth while. Sarien our Secretary is handling more orders. Her email address is sarien@tadaust.org.au

The First and Second Click Programs are still going great guns in fact a further submission to the Education Department has produced a grant for funding until June 2009.

As you know Kerrie at the Centre is our coordinator for these programs for seniors and is doing a wonderful job.

It doesn't finish there though ! It has now been authorized by the City Council to upgrade the Computer room (at their cost). There will be more computers available and a new doorway through to the entrance of the Senior Citz. which gives better access.

However with new computers, comes updating them ! 2003 will be replaced with 2007.

Kerrie and Iris are familiar with the program as are a few of our members so it shouldn't be too difficult.

There will, of course, be some disruption and some of the teaching programs will, no doubt be affected. The estimated time lapse is quite long, up to a year in fact.

All for a good result we hope !

**Buddies - afternoon - 4th June
1.00pm-3.30pm**

Christine reminded members again about the 'Meet the Buddies Session' in the computer room. As you all know by now this is to introduce members to their Buddies. The Peel Region is divided into areas, each has a Buddie who can be contacted for help by phone or e mail or will even visit. It is good to get to know them.

See you there.



Social Calendar – Christine on behalf of Kath Sheehan as she has a nasty bout of flu.

On **Tuesday June 17th** we are going all high brow ! Fish & Chips at Ninos 12 Noon

Tuesday July 1st We will do something different and celebrate Christmas in July. At the Senior Citz. The cost is \$23 per head. Please let Kath know soonest if you want to go as reservations are essential. Ph 95834840 (New number)

**Members enjoying a cuppa at the last venue,
The Board Walk Café.**

Christine spoke about our Welfare Officer Arthur Turvey, saying that it so good to feel someone cares when you are sick or have a problem . He is doing a great job, passing on our 'get well' messages.

Arthur is also our Membership Officer don't forget to tell him of any changes to your details his address is :-

tops@dodo.com.au or phone 95827913.

We then enjoyed a lively session of questions and answers.

One was a question of how do you prevent unwanted email coming into your system.

This one was a little different as it presented itself straight onto the screen! Coming from an electronic company in China !!

This was debated for sometime. The conclusion was that a couple of suspect emails were also received and it is thought that they had been hijacked as carriers.

AAA @ Hot mail (or similar) at the beginning of an address book and ZZZ @ Hot mail at the end had been used successfully.

Then Bill emphasized how important it is to delete other addresses before forwarding an email to prevent forwarding the unwanted addresses.

Another member sang the praises of Micro Soft when she had a bad experience and they effectively upgraded to 3.1 putting to rest all her problems.

Another question was, what to do when 'outside boundary' shows on screen as a warning when printing, here it was advised to print preview first or just go ahead and print anyway, possibly only borders may be affected or print on 'landscape'.

*Then it was time to enjoy our
'Time out' with a cuppa,
magically produced by Margaret !*



Speaker for the day.-

Sarien introduced Alasdair Wardle, Mandurah Library Manager, speaking on relating past stories to the present youngsters.

He told us about his interests including the new Yacht Museum and heritage stories and he explained that he had also conducted a program like this here before called Tales of Times Past. His first interest was sparked in February. The program has been circulating in many suburbs in and around Perth. It involves working with a group of older people in the community. They come together and relate stories of their past. There is a tutor named Vasenti who guides and teaches them how to tell stories. On learning what part of the world or Australian born people were from, she found how different and varied each story was.

Alasdair demonstrated with pictures on screen. Commencing with shots of the first meeting of the group and their keen interest. They have gone through a process of learning and are now better able to relate their stories.

The group now goes to various schools and relates their personal stories and where they were born etc to Children of various age. The students frequently write follow up letters to speakers, some of which Alasdair read to us, saying thank you and making interesting comments which are now used as examples in schools.

There is a public forum also at the Library, where a group can go along and take props and various reminders of their childhood to accompany their talk. Vasenti arranges all this for the group.

One of many points the children notice is the quite hard times people went through a long time ago. Lack of electricity, water for bathing, eating pink and gray Galas in a pie and so on!

The group is looking for a little bit of funding from the Council or raising funds and putting this knowledge permanently into Schools.

Our members had many questions such as where the meetings are held ? Alasdair said at the old Yacht Club in Mary St. and other local buildings and schools.

Member Meri told us of a 'Seniors on line' program (Found through Google) where you can write your own story.

There is an interesting Heritage book available at places around Mandurah such as the Visitors Centre, the Museum and Halls Cottage.

Alasdair also commented on the fine museums around Mandurah and how anyone with computer skills would be most welcome to volunteer their help with cataloging.

On that note Alasdair completed his talk. Members gave a hearty applause.

The President thanked Alasdair and presented him with a Certificate of appreciation from us all.

He then kindly drew the raffle red A 67 and the winner was Sarien De Beer. Congratulations!

Reminder - June 23rd Next General meeting in the main hall of the Senior Citizens.



Cheers, Christine.