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GENERAL MEETING FOR PEEL SENIORNET Assoc. Monday 22nd June 2009

WELCOME : President Christine Jackson opened our monthly meeting and welcomed all.

CLUB NEWS :

On the 18th June, in the Computer Room, we held the first learning session on mobile phones, with our own volunteers. Sirrka Duncan's disk was used and projected onto the screen. Joyce's Chalkley has printed out the instructions and Sarien has copied them into a booklet form and they will be available at \$2. a copy to members .

The Grant from Mandurah City which was reduced \$550 will be partly used to buy a new laptop the balance to come out of our own funds. Arthur has got three quotes. The committee will choose the best.

This has become necessary as the laptop we have been using for the PSN mail to members has crashed repeatedly lately (*we've had it since the year dot and it is worn out*).

Members of Committee attended a meeting at the Nellie Regan Hall the other day. It was presented by Denis Blakeway from the WA, Gov. Department of Commerce re DOCEP. It was designed to make community groups aware of the importance of the Rules and Regulations which we call a 'Constitution'. In particular the protection of being Incorporated. It was suggested that groups should update their constitution regularly. The committee is studying this at the moment. We'll let you know how we go !

Manager of the Shire of Murray Library Services have asked us if we could help with volunteers to teach at Internet Kiosk with the help of a grant from NEC . *Anyone able to help living in that area ?*

Training : Tom Hoffman

Reminder – Sessions on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the computer room.

'Training' Sessions are on the website. These may be adjusted from time to time.

Tom is finding that the courses will take another 3 weeks to finish, then there will be a week's pause and re-start the whole series. It's been difficult to work out how these session would go but now the timing will be better. He plans to go through 'till November. The new Training Time Table is shown on this web site.

Make sure you let Tom know if you want to participate. pentom@inet.net.au

The 'Image Manipulation session with Kingsley Klau went extremely well last Thursday , (Picaso etc) . We have received a CD from Kingsley Klau on the PICASA show, which we hope to get copied for members.

Toad Busters. (Follow up on a previous talk)There is now a Newsletter available. Bill Robinson has reported that some of the animals affected by this threat are now able to turn the toads on their backs and eat the belly. Avoiding the horrible poison !

The Social Functions - Alvin

Tuesday July 7th,10am . Peel Zoo \$10 entrée and \$5 morning tea. Wear sensible shoes as the animals run free !

Our Tenth Birthday Lunch this is on the **11th August** in the Seasons room at the Atrium. Payment to our Treasurer in advance is necessary as we have had to put down a substantial deposit. There is a list on the back table at our General Meeting at the end of the month– so please don't forget to put your names down.

The cost is \$21.50 for a two course meal - drinks extra.

We have two guests coming. One is Jan McGlinn and the other Bill Fraser. Both having been so much



June Morning tea at the Stage Door

Question Time.

A member enquired whether there would be a further Image Manipulation Session.

It was explained that one of our members is looking into this and he hopes to be able to hold a session towards the end of the year. Apparently it will take about four hours preparation for a 1 hour session!

Another interesting piece of knowledge was a streamline process for giving a more refined 'search', instead of going through page after page trying to find something.

It's called Boolean. All you do is insert 'and' to combine search terms so that information is only retrieved if all terms occur in the same document. So if you're looking for 'Doctors and Lawyers' type in the phrase, and what will be returned are documents with both keywords in them.

Another is 'Not' Not prevents retrieval of documents in which specified terms occur together. This is good to use when a keyword has multiple meanings. So the search 'milk not butter' will find documents where 'milk occurs but 'butter doesn't.

Another question from a member was how do you get past one page only in a search? Easy for our clever members of course – slide down or click on 'next' or page number at the bottom. That'll do the trick!

The question of mobile phone telemarketing came up most of which is authentic. Apparently, some prankster though has altered the original American version of a hoax to fit Australian conditions! Something to watch out for.

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

After a short break we welcomed Speaker for the day John Frings accompanied by his wife Lyn of the Wildlife Rescue Group.



John Frings from the group called 'Fur and Feathers Wildlife Rescue and Release Inc.' Wife, Lyn Frings commenced their talk by introducing us to their work and their pet owl called Heckle who perched peacefully on her arm. Fur and Feathers is a volunteer organization formed by qualified Wildlife Carers in the Peel Region, with a combined total of over 50yrs experience caring for injured, orphaned, ill or abandoned wildlife. They aim to provide the highest quality care to the rescued wildlife so they can be returned to their natural habitat as soon as possible.

Lyn told us that they also have an affiliation with Peel Preservation Group. They find it very beneficial to work with other groups. They are also under the umbrella of the Conservation Volunteers. Pick up and drop off of black cockatoos, is another responsibility which are on the endangered list. They have one in care at the moment to be micro chipped and blood taken for a data bank. These birds are family orientated, when released a new family is found for them.

Volunteer Carers are used to looking after small animals also such as Kangaroo, Possums, Wombats etc.

The group is now incorporated and are hoping to use grants to help with expenses as previously even food came out of their own pockets.

John then spoke to us. He told us about a couple of owls they rescued after they fell out of a tree when they were babies. This included dissecting mice to feed them. All the raptors eat small animals which they hunt. There is food available now a days especially formulated for birds. Magpies can eat plain meat.

On occasions rescued birds may have a split or broken beak. Very difficult to repair but John told us how one in particular was riveted! The bird survived.

Kites are the biggest birds in the county and they have looked after three of them successfully he said.

An interesting comment about Kestrels is that they leave a heat trail as they dive for their prey.

Rescued Hawks are kept inside John explained. They have a habit of laying down to sleep until they can fly. There are two types in this county, Hawk Owls and Mask Owls. They have round faces and one uses hearing and claws to hunt. The other sight and they fly off with the prey in the beak.

The Preservation Group are a great help in finding areas to release the rescued birds particularly when their original habitat has been destroyed.

Water birds are rather interesting John said. He enjoys going out to fish whilst spotting them. Near where they live there is a pair of Australian Grebe. The babies are kept in a pod. They have strange legs which are set far back and it looks as if they are broken. Interestingly John has received reports from well meaning people saying they are worried about some strange birds that seem to have broken legs.

Sadly on one occasion an Osprey was rescued but unfortunately died. John performed an autopsy to work out why and possibly how he could help other birds.

He found a strange cut down the length and through some vital organs of the bird. On inspecting the new building going on around the district he found the spot that caused the damage, a sharp piece of metal carelessly left which the bird had tried to land on presumably.

He did pursue a couple of government avenues to try to prevent this sort of occurrence but never received a reply to his letters. Alcoa can be quite generous with help with grant for cages and aviaries and so on. Going through Peel Preservation Group for active political intervention has proved to be invaluable. Our group had several questions which were duly answered by John and we then thanked them both with enthusiasm for an interesting presentation and handed him a Certificate of Appreciation.

He then drew the Raffle for us and the winner was Gloria Stevenson

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Reminder – Next General Meeting is on Monday 27th July

Hints & Tips.

Do you frequently copy text from MS Word to Excel? Do you dislike the way it pastes into the cells, causing a nightmare when it comes to formatting your pages? Want a quick solution?

Then try pasting your text as a picture!

In **older versions of Excel**, you'll need the **Edit** menu, **Paste Special** choice.

In **Excel 2007**, on the **Home** ribbon, click the down arrow on the **Paste** button and choose **Paste Special** from the bottom of the list.

No matter the version, you can then choose **Picture** from the list and click **OK**.

Your text will then be placed in the worksheet as a picture, floating over the cells, with the same resizing and relocating capabilities as any other picture.

Formatting problems be gone!

Cheers Christine.

