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GENERAL MEETING AGENDA FOR PEEL SENIORNET Assoc. Monday 25th May 2009

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

Greetings to member –Roswitha Du Cros (Deeta)

CLUB NEWS :

As you now know we did not receive the grant from Telstra we were hoping for ! However we will still be holding the Mobile phone sessions. The first one is on **Thursday 18th June** in the Computer Room 9.00am. Those interested bring along their own mobile phones if you don't have one just come and learn from those present.

Volunteer members will be holding the classes and there will be visual help using the disk we have from Sirkka Duncan the Telstra tutor.

The first to be given the opportunity of coming to the session will be the original guys who attended the training session held by Sirkka Duncan – Alvin, Arthur, Bill, Joyce, Mary, Rob Stewart, Tom, Kate, Rob Waugh and Sarien.

The Survey forms will be used as a guide to any other interested members.

There will be further sessions and we will advise members of those dates shortly.

The Grant from Mandurah City has been considered but reduced to \$550 which is a bit of a blow - we applied for \$2,000. We have to review our wish list !!

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. Its been difficult to work out how these session would go but now the timing will be better. He plans to go through 'till November.

Coming up

3rd June – in the morning, Excel Basics continued with Tom Hoffman
In the afternoon General Help with Robert Stewart.

17th June (re-scheduled) in the morning. 'Image Manipulation' (Picaso etc) with Kingsley Klau.

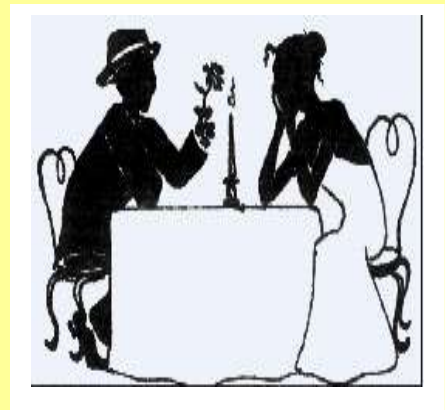
We encourage you to register for the next series with Tom which will commence in July.

The Social Functions - Alvin

Tuesday June 2, Stage Door Rest. c&c. \$7.
10.30am

Tuesday July 7th, Peel Zoo \$10 entrée and \$5
morning tea

Nearby winery and chicken store. There is plenty of
parking space
(Might pay to check our web site for more
information on this and confirmation of the date and
their facilities)



Our Tenth Birthday Lunch will be on the 11th August in the Seasons room at the Atrium. This will need payment to our Treasurer in advance as we have had to put down a substantial deposit.

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

We are hoping also that a couple of the original members will be able to attend.



April Morning Tea at Cicerellas

Question Time.

This is always an interesting part of Peel Senior Nets meetings. Often being a sharing knowledge area too.

To start with we discussed that fact that the City Grant application to purchase several items including a new laptop for the group, wouldn't be possible because it was considerably reduced.

Merv pointed out that costs have gone down now a days and he believed that there might be the opportunity to purchase at least a laptop for \$500 to \$600. Certainly to be considered.

Another member suggested that our 'Hints Tips and' in the Newsletters, should also be shown separately on our Web Site.

We will follow through on this.

The newest scam was displayed on screen.

A message supposedly from Optus which requires personal information to be sent to them in order to carry on sending and receiving messages.

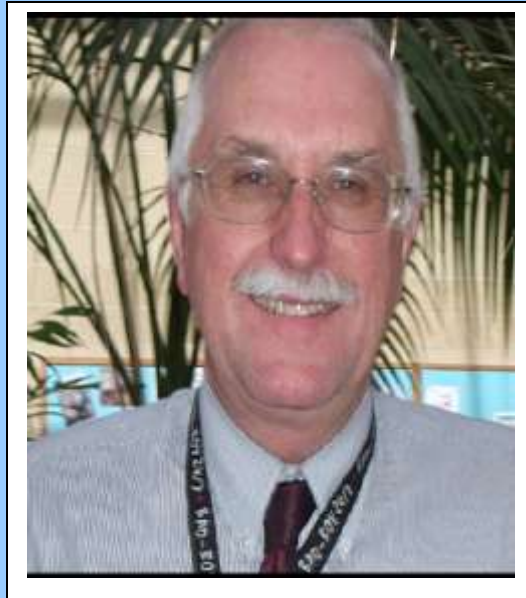
Members were asked how to handle this. Thank goodness there was a resounding reply to block and delete!

We also had a lot of suggestions about other organizations that help with funding through Grants to Community Groups.

What to do when you've accidentally lost 'Office '? Simple – there is a free download on line !

Many thanks members for your input.

ALASDAIR WARDLE
May speaker.
Alasdair is the Manager
of both Mandurah and
Falcon Libraries and this
was his second visit to
Peel Senior net.



Alasdair commenced his presentation by wishing us success with the ASCCA creative writing competition. He told us about a local program still in action about people going to schools and telling the stories of their earlier lives called 'Tales of Times Past' which is still popular with the children.

Then he told us about a book called 'chook on Sundays'. He read a section describing the gold fields and the people who have a strong independence stemming from years of struggling which left their mark. With the aid of the screen he showed 2 elderly people called Curley & Olive and this was their story. Curly a migrant from Italy, worked for many years down the mines. They met when Olive was 12 and he 16yrs. In June 1940 he was interned because of the war. They now live in a lodge in Kalgoorlie with just a few belongings and photographs. This is a very moving real story. Written in their own words.

To write only 1000 words is pretty difficult Alasdair said. He advised us the best way to start to write is by gathering ideas and develop them using real stories. Keep it simple. Don't be too ambitious. Even a brief incident made into a story can be most interesting.

Revising and editing is pretty important and can be done quite easily on a computer.

Develop your own style and write from memories, or oral history. A photo or place can be very useful too.

Write as if you are writing to a person you know, admire or who inspires you. Going to a place you used to know, where you lived or the school you attended can be an inspiration. To read your words aloud can really make a difference. Alasdair quoted from an article in the New York Times which said one of the basic tests of comprehension was reading out loud or to another person. It can enable you to pick up things you may have missed or could be put in a better form.

A couple of our members recalled incidents that they have experienced. Merv told us when he was on a cruise he got to know someone quite well and they had great conversations. To his surprise he found out he was a member of the 'Bush Poets'!

Meri Forrest entered a competition a while ago and did a photo story, which gave her great satisfaction. She said "just write and edit later" so easy with the aid of our computers these days.

Alasdair wished us all the best and said it would be wonderful to see a lot of entries from Mandurah for this competition.

We thanked Alasdair for an excellent presentation and handed him a Certificate of Appreciation.

He then drew the Raffle for us and the winner was Trish Pitcher- Blue 26

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Reminder – Next General Meeting is on Monday 22nd June

Hints & Tips.

Workbook or Worksheet ?

The terms "workbook" and "worksheet" used frequently when people discuss MS Excel. What exactly is a workbook? A worksheet? Is there a difference?

Well, to begin with, there is definitely a difference.

- A **workbook** is the MS Excel *file* in which you enter and store related data.
- A **worksheet** (also known as a **spreadsheet**) is a **collection of cells on a single "sheet" where you actually keep and manipulate the data.**

Each workbook can contain many worksheets. (It's a lot like a book. One book contains an entire story. Each page of the book contains part of the story, etc).

Often, one workbook has a single theme, such as a personal budget. Each worksheet would then have a part of that theme, such as the budget broken down by month.

There you go. It's that simple!

Cheers Christine.

