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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday October 26th. 2009

President Christine Jackson opened the AGM and welcomed all. A special welcome to new members, and visitors.

Then continued with the official part of the meeting. The 2008 AGM minutes were read by Sarien de Beer.



Secretaty Sarien and President Christine

The President read her report (fully reported on the web site) which consisted of congratulating the committee for their efforts during the past year, plus commenting on the achievements that have been evident and the learning programs. Special thanks to Alvin for all the social gatherings especially our 10th Celebrations.

Christine concluded by announcing that PSN have received a Certificate of Nomination for 2009 Regional Achievement & Community Awards.

The Treasurer then read the Annual Financial report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2009-20010.

Christine then stood aside inviting Merv Brindley as Returning Officer to chair the meeting. There was one only position left to fill, that of Vice President . Which we failed to fill at this stage.

President	Christine Jackson
Vice President	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary	Sarien De Beer
Treasurer	Vince Owens

Committee persons

Tom Hoffman	Jim Thomson
Fran Williams	Alvin Counsel
Margaret Green	Lillian Bridewell

Sub committee

Joan Larter	Joyce Thomson
Arthur Turvey	Bill Robinson



Club News

The Seniors Expo 29th Oct. 30th Oct. is the biggest news of the month and we are all looking forward to that at Ac-cent Mandurah. This promises to be an exciting event with many groups taking part and a great number of stalls in and outside the Centre. We will have our own stall and hope for many visitors.

The President took the opportunity to remind members that the yearly fee for members is still only \$20 and is now due!

Social Diary, Alvin
Next morning tea at
Springs Meadow Golf Club
on 10th November. (\$7)

Christmas breakup lunch at
Sandy Cove Tavern on
Wednesday 9th December.
(\$16.50)



Oct. morning tea at the Dome



Tom reports that the training schedule in the computer room on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's of each month appears on the Web site.

He says the sessions will continue until the end of the year and interest has been shown for next year and they will be more detailed in content.

October speaker, Roy Done



The October speaker commenced his talk by telling us how it came about that he worked in Africa in a country called Malawi. Being a teacher and living in England with his wife and family he happened one day to see an advert in the paper for a position in that far away country and after discussions with his wife it was decided that financially it was time to take the big step.

At first they had no idea where Malawi was and when the old school atlas proved useless they visited the local library to find a better one!

Roy showed us a map on screen with the exact location. Which was bordering on a part of the Federation of Rhodesia as it used to be called and Nyasaland. Roy pointed out Lake Malawi which was about 50miles wide and 360miles long and there were no snails in this lake luckily which apparently can cause a debilitating disease. The place where they eventually took up residents was called Zomba.



He narrated some unusual occurrences that happened along the way such as the native he came across on the road waiting by his broken down car. He refused any help as he new a

friend would be along soon and he would call another friend where he worked ! He had been waiting three days and was quite content and in no rush!

Roy said the country was so beautiful and the soil so fertile and all the natives grew their own food and there was literally no starvation or disease such as Aids which is rampant now.

A spectacular place to live and quite high up and the views were wonderful. It rained at the end of October in a torrent regularly heralding the wet season.

As they settled into their new home they were asked if they would like to employ anyone to work for them ? This took them by surprise as there was no way they thought they could afford even one servant but it was explained that the cost was less than \$50 a month for a garden boy, house girl and a nanny – bit of a catch though they had to supply accommodation!

Roy related another funny tale. Although it was great to have a house boy for example that was a two edged sword as he was terrified of the vacuum cleaner! Even though he was shown many times there was nothing evil afoot, the boy cleverly put the cleaner on then was found to be sweeping through the house anyway !

The family found it odd at first to adjust to the fact that they had come from a country where they were considered hard up to a place where they were now rich people ! The natives lived on practically nothing and yet wanted for nothing.

The traditional dress was strange. The women for example had to all wear dresses to the ankle, despite the heat.

There was a shopping area in the town. One odd thing was that the milk came in soft plastic containers. Sugar was not on the shelves at all and in fact was only obtainable through a kind of black market. Funnily enough the country grew sugar cane but it was all exported! Alcohol was extremely cheap. The fruit and veggie market operated in a bargaining system.

Pictured here are the ladies, having been up the mountain to chop firewood and bringing it back down on their heads!

Roy remarked on the excellent deportment.

For all that work all they asked for was a \$1



The Principle of the school where Roy taught became President of the country, a very clever man and well educated. Later he turned into a murdering monster to underlings or any form of opposition.

In those days he was much respected. To talk to him you had to clap very softly. Women were not aloud to eat with the men though. However Roy's wife was made an exception!

Entrance to the school was by exam only and a fee had to be paid also. The boys that Roy taught were extremely polite and spotlessly clean. They all wore a uniform. There was great demand to attend the school and not everyone was able. They studied very hard and sometimes well into the night.

A cinema was unheard of but with a bit enignuity the school hall was used and films were borrowed locally. The hall was packed to the raffters. The students found it hard to believe that the people in them were actors and only playing a part. Funds for supplies were very short for the teachers and they imrovised quite considerably. Packing cases were utilized in carpentry classes for example. Even the students helped after school by sweeping the floors and dusting the blackboards because they took such pride in their school.

Even the teachers were roped into local road works !
Altogether a wonderful education with many memories and tales to be told by the family.

Roy was thanked warmly and the President handed him a Certificate of Appreciation.

He then very kindly drew the raffle
The winner was Fran Williams. Congratulations.

November 23th date for next General Meeting.

Jan McGlinn will be our speaker to celebrate the end of the year.

Cheers Christine

Tips - Undo Tricks

If you use computers a lot, you probably find yourself out in the real world wishing you had an Undo command). Well, the "universal" undo shortcut is: Ctrl+Z.

Ctrl+Z is normally used in word processing documents, but it also works just about anywhere in windows. Let's say you accidentally drag an icon to your desktop and really wish you had it to do over. Well, hit Ctrl+Z and the icon vacates your desktop and jumps back to wherever it was before.

Works with Windows Explorer too. Let's say you accidentally delete a file. Instead of going to the recycle bin to recover it, hit Ctrl+Z .

Note that this only works if you are sending the file to the recycle bin. If you hold down the Shift key while you delete, thus bypassing the recycle bin, the file is gone for good. All the Ctrl+Z ing in the world won't help.