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GENERAL MEETING FOR PEEL SENIORNET Assoc. Tuesday September 29th. 2009

WELCOME : President Christine Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed all.

Christine then went on to remind members the yearly fees are due now and suggested that Vince our Treasurer was at the meeting and ready to receive those payments.

The AGM is next month. Monday 28th October, we were reminded and Nomination Forms are now available. This is the time to volunteer your services and keep our association growing in numbers and knowledge!

The procedure is that all members of committee stand down and nominations are taken at the AGM meeting for the new committee. Nomination forms are just that and the proxy forms are for someone else to vote in your place if you will be absent from the A.G.M.

Relevant papers are also being sent out this week by email to all members.

We will have a speaker that day too – Roy Done his talk entitled, 'In the footsteps of Livingstone' which sounds really interesting.

Even though Sarien couldn't be with us at the meeting she has been working on an Australian Government Grant from her home! That is now in the post. (\$1,000 - \$5,000) If we receive a small portion of that, it will help with some expenses.

The Peel Senior Expo takes place on Oct 30th and 31st. The times are 9am - 3pm for each day and we are hiring a stall for display (\$165). Verity James will be Host for the event . There will be many stalls and plenty of amusement, entertainment and an Art Display in the craft room.

There is a Roster for volunteers who would like to help man our stall.

It just requires talking to people and explaining about PSN . There will be Newsletters and pamphlets etc to hand out.

The 'Click classes'

These are computer learning programs open to Ac-cent Mandurah which we fund through the Education Dept. Kerrie at the centre does all the bookwork and organizing. The First and Second Click classes have commenced. The next round will start in mid January 2010. Anyone interested contact 95503799 or make an inquiry at reception and we can place their names on our waitlist.

Training : Tom Hoffman

These are solely run by Peel Seniornet and Tom is the chief instructor. They are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month and are continuing well and classes are well attended.

There has been an unavoidable delay in copying the mobile phone instructions – for which we apologize. Our esteemed Secretary has been suffering from ill health.

Social Report - Alvin

The Morning tea at Sharkys last month was the best ever.

The next morning tea is on Tuesday October 13th at 10am at the Dome, Mary St. Halls Head.(Appx. \$10) and on Tuesday Nov 10th at Meadow Springs. On Wednesday 9th December we will have lunch at Sandy Cove, South Yunderup.



Members enjoying September morning tea at Sharkys

Question Time.

What can be done when a window on screen will not go away?

This may be because several windows are on the go at the same time which has over extended the memory, was one members response.

Another suggestion was to shut down for 10 seconds and start again.

However the 'ccleaner' is a great help at the start and will get rid of rubbish and cookies. Was the final advice.

It's easy to find this program by using 'Google' and down loading it free.

One member is having fun with learning a language on BYKI another free program that uses a voice which you repeat and learn at the same time.

Apparently just as much fun as a game !

We enjoyed a great speaker at the September meeting Dorothy Lewis from Perth Zoo Publicity Dept.

Dorothy commenced her presentation by telling us about the history of Perth Zoo. The founding director, from 1897 was Col. Earnest Le Souef. He held the post for 35yrs. He planned the exhibits. The gardens and the roads before the Zoo was opened the following year.

Many beautiful photos were shown to our group during the course of the presentation.

The early exhibits Dorothy continued were a reptile house, bear caves, a guinea pig castle, aviaries, monkey and mammal houses. Later that year orangutans two monkeys a pair of lions and one tiger were included.

Perth Zoo now also has many social recreations such as concerts, cricket, tennis matches, animal rides and picnics etc.

The enclosures for the animals were concrete for easy cleaning and there was no shade or trees. We know now that was very wrong! The poor creatures had no shelter from the sun or trees to climb or hiding places where they could retreat.

Today is a different story. The animals have all the comforts including caves to hide in!

Many people are employed to take care of the animals and grounds. Stimulation plays a big part at the zoo. Food is used to amuse and is hidden in various containers such as boxes, tubes, sacking and so on. In the summer ice blocks are hidden for orangutans to search for and they love that! Trish the elephant loves to play soccer. The big cats love to roll in lavender or even perfume. Always looking for food is a great activity.

Saving animals from extinction is very important these days. Placing them back into the wild is such a thrill too.

So many animals are in danger, even frogs are in danger. Exotic breeding is done with Malaysian Sun Bears, Red Pandas, Sumatran Tigers, Silvery Gibbons, African Painted Dogs and Black & White Limas etc. Breeding is undertaken for other Zoos mainly.

People can help our Zoo Dorothy said by becoming a 'Zoo Friend' and enjoy free Zoo entry for 12 months in various ways including fundraising in a community for Perth Zoo or bequest to the zoo in your will or simply make a donation. For more info on that call the Zoo between 9am and 5pm.or email to fopz@perthzoo.wa.gov.au

Dorothy was thanked enthusiastically by our group.

The winner of this months Raffle was Dixon Woollam – Congratulations!

Annual General Meeting is on Monday October 26th.

*******Cheers 'till then, all the best, Christine*******