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**Home of Peel Seniornet**

## **GENERAL MEETING FOR PEEL SENIORNET Assoc. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

President Christine Jackson opened our monthly meeting and welcomed everyone including new members Marjorie Edwards, Jim Thomson, Wendy Gilmour and visitor Jan North.

### **CLUB NEWS :**

Peel Seniornet has been accepted for nomination for the Regional Achievements & Community Awards. It does include a share in \$18,000 from the Commonwealth Bank if we are lucky ! The winners will be announced at a Gala Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday evening 23 October at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

Ac-cent Mandurah have invited us to participate in the Seniors Week again this year and it is at the end of October.

Accent Mandurah will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday in April 2010. We've been asked to help put photos on to a disk that will be played continually in the main hall at that time. What a good idea ! ( looking for volunteers !)

For those of you who went to the lunch for our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday will know by now how successful it was and we owe Alvin our Social Director a big thank you ! There was a write up in this week's Mandurah Mail. I also sent a few words to ASCCA's newsletter and some photos – for which we received a thank you from Joan Craymer the editor.

A big piece of news from an excited Kerrie the other day – after a long delay we have received the funds to continue with the ‘Click’ programs. This is in the form of a Grant from the Education Dept. It is used to pay the expenses of the Computer Room plus the costs of tutors etc. There is always a long waiting list for students so get in early if you are interested.

The PSN Constitution is now under review. Nothing really serious mainly the change from Mandurah Senior Citizens to Ac-cent Mandurah. However it does involve a ‘special resolution’ and the correct procedure must be followed. All members must be informed of proposed alterations 21 days prior to the meeting. We hope to formally go through the voting procedure at the AGM in October.

The latest ASCCA Newsletter, which can be found through the ‘links’ in our website, has a full report of the Conference that we had an invitation to attend. It also shows the Competition results and has an interesting article on ‘Stay Smart online’ with a series of Seminars. Well worth a read.

The Bussleton Browser Newsletter can also now be found through Links. Sarien has encouraged the group to do this instead of sending us a hard copy each month. Now we need Bunbury to do the same thing!

### **Training : Tom**

*Reminder – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.*

Tom’s present training course is now fully subscribed and going well.

Don’t forget though, the General Help Sessions are still available- next one - 2nd Sept. in the afternoon with Robert Stewart.

### **Buddies**

A system of helping each other. Members – not experts but they are available to give a hand with a problem if possible or point in the right direction. Just a phone call away. The list is on our Web site.

These guys work quite hard and it would be nice to hear occasionally that their help worked – or not !!

### **Phone Instructions.**

The mobile phone hard copy instructions are now available contact Sarien, [sarien@tadaust.org.au](mailto:sarien@tadaust.org.au) for more details.

Our PSN Library which is available at General Meetings and is where members can borrow books and tapes to expand their knowledge, free of charge, is in need of a new Librarian . Please contact Rob Waugh on [waugh555@hotmail.com](mailto:waugh555@hotmail.com) If you are able to help.

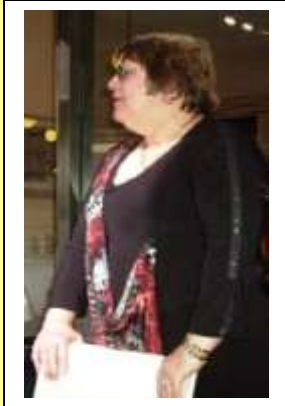
## The Social Functions

(Organized by Alvin.)

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10<sup>th</sup> PSN Anniversary Lunch at the Atrium. – good reports ! Thanks to members for all the photos !



Jan McGlinn  
Inaugural member



Some of our Members  
enjoying the  
birthday lunch.



President cuts the cake

**Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10am there will be morning tea at Sharky's (\$4.50)  
**Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>** 10 am morning tea at Pinjarra's Heritage Tearooms (5.50)

We've also received an invitation to Fairbridge to a Curry & Cabernet Fundraiser on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. The cost is \$60 per adult & \$20 per child. Starts at 7pm.

### Question time.

**The program 'Face Book'** was discussed first and a couple of members have found it most interesting. Alvin for example loves the challenges of Farm Town, an interactive game where you, for example, plant the crops pick them or harvest them sell or store them! You can even ask neighbours to assist, just as you would on a real farm.

Christine is also on 'Face Book' as are all the family and she is called – Cyber Nan ! They exchange recipes, house and gardening tips. As well as family photos.

Fran plays scrabble on Face Book

**Meri is still having problems with Picasso.** She was advised that Pictures on hard drive will be picked up automatically by Picasso, which may be the reason her photos appear to be breeding like rabbits !!

Another member said she has bought a book from Angus & Roberts called 'Organize photos with Picasso 2'. Amongst other things it shows how to Save and Back up photos.

**Crashed Computer?** Possibly caused through a conflict of programs, Office 2007 & 2003.

Hold down Start button for a few seconds and normal operation should return.

**It was advised that to enlarge print** say in a website it may be best to copy the article and paste it into word then enlarge the font that way.



**SPEAKER for the day**  
Don Randall MP

Don's district covers the Peel Region and he has been a member of Canning since 2001. Boddington is now included in the area. He now travels more than 1,000 Kilometres weekly !

Don commenced his talk by telling us of the big changes that are coming to Boddington. They will have the richest gold mine in the region!

Other areas he covers are Dudley Prk, Falcon, Dawsville and down to Preston Beach and Waroona then Armadale and on to Rolestone.

Then he asked if we have applied for Grants? Suggested we asked him to endorse when we do, as this can help.

Gary Grant the member for Silver Sands is the man to ask re Grant endorsements Don advised, after a question from a member, living in that area. State, Federal members can cause a cross pollination he said at times. For example,

Peel Campus required funding a while ago and this was made very difficult because of the boarder situation. Even so it is a regional area.

Sometimes even a roadway can divide regions and cause major problems. There is still a lot to be considered and clarified.

Don then congratulated our group on it's tenth birthday. He said we have good leadership and already are acting as a representative group. We are acting collectively in effect as a 'Lobby' group and we should flex our biceps more and we will be heard!

Then changing the subject, Don talked about the Perth Forrest Highway which will open shortly One of the problems with this is some smaller businesses are unhappy because of the massive traffic which will by pass them in some cases.

The road was planned decades ago he said but there was no follow through at that time.

A 'Highway' does not have traffic lights and therefore there is less pollution from exhaust, which is a good thing.

Schools have received funds for as little as five pupils in a school which they don't need, Others have two gyms and no other major teaching facilities for example!

Federal issues are Don's responsibility and no matter what, he urged us to ring his office with any problem.

Q Where is his office ? Kelmscott – far away but on the phone or email.

Don does visit members in their own homes where there is a concern.

Q Does the office have a 1300 Number ? Yes 1300301867

Q Solar energy in a Village – Don took name of lady concerned to help her.

Q Is it possible to increase size of print in say a newspaper, computers, or forms in general that need to be filled up? Don said he thought it was cost orientated mainly but a good point.

Q Why do some areas receive \$500 for help to get to Perth and not others?

Allocation of regions is the main problem.

The new rail to Perth has caused some problems particularly parking. Multilevel parking has been suggested. That would be expensive and nearly the cost of parking all day would probably be more than the fare to Perth on the train! Bus connections are not satisfactory for people who can't walk too far to get to a bus stop.

Mandurah suffers from lack of land and therefore the council's income is very low. Grants are the main way they are able to upgrade facilities in Mandurah. Murray will be the next growth area of the region.

Don concluded his talk by emphasizing that no matter how small a problem is always contact a local member – that's what they are there for.

**We thanked Don for his excellent presentation and gave him a Certificate of Appreciation.**

**He then drew the raffle for us and the winner was Aileen Drage.**

**Special note and due to the Monday holiday .**  
**Next months meeting is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

## Hints & Tips.

When you open your Web browser, does it sometimes open in a smaller window than you'd like? If that happens, are you constantly going up to the Maximize button and making the screen larger? It's happened to me before and let me tell you, it gets old real quick. So, what can you do about it? Well, allow me to give you a couple options. Read on!

In Internet Explorer, open a new window and for now, make sure it's a smaller size than you actually want it to be. Then go to each corner and use your mouse to drag the sides out to a size you prefer. Just drag the window until it fills your screen. (Don't use the Maximize button for this one). When you've found a size that suits you, close the window. Now, whenever you open a new window in IE, it will appear as the full size you've been waiting for. How cool is that?!

Here's another rule you can go by: If you're using several browser windows at once, whenever you close the very last one, make sure it's in its maximized size. Internet Explorer works through the last window you close. So, if you closed a window that was at the right size for you, the next one you open will be that same size too. Either way you choose to go, you're guaranteed to always have a full screen browser.