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GENERAL MEETING , Monday February 22rd 2010.

President Christine Jackson opened the first meeting for this year and welcomed everyone back, after a long Christmas and New Year break. A special welcome to visitors and new members, Janette Rhoades, Karina Doyle, Kathleen Mumford, Bernice English, Lorraine Spring, Patricia Bryan and Joy Edwards.

CLUB NEWS

Quite a lot has been happening since November last year! We have received a grant for \$1,500 and we've allocated this to items like hall rental for the year, a recorder and various items for our library and publicity expenses.

COMING EVENTS.

Peel SeniorNet members will be attending and exhibiting at Don Randall's Forum on Tuesday March 2 at the Bowling Club rooms, Hall's Head from 9.30am to 12.30 pm. This includes morning tea.

Arrangements have also been made for Saturday March 20th. We will be participating in a fair at the Foundation Christian College. We have a stall, at no charge and it should be a lot of fun! Some of our committee will be manning the stall so please go along and support them.

The March 22nd General meeting will also host a 'Bring and Buy Table'. This will be an ideal time to pass on equipment, disks etc doing nothing at home, that may be of use to someone else. Fran Williams is in charge and has requested a cost should be visible (if any !) plus your name on the back .

On 7th April from 1.30pm. there will be a Buddies get together . It will be in the Computer Room and is a chance to get to know the Buddie for your district.

There will be a photo Competition and exhibition for members at the General meeting on 26 July. This gives members a chance to practice their digital photography. No larger than A4 size please.

President Christine then asked our group for help in proposing a Vice President. Kate Orr volunteered and will be nominated at the next committee meeting. Thank you Kate.

Christine also reminded members that we need a new Tea Lady for the General Meetings. Not a difficult job but one that needs reliability . Margaret Green will be only too pleased to advise.

Social Diary. Alvin Counsel.

- March 9th Morning Tea at Cicerellos
10.30am cost, \$5.50
- April 13th Morning Tea at Sharkies
10.00am. cost, \$4.90



Last months visit to Edenvale, Pinjarra for morning tea.

QUESTION TIME AND DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.



Planning for workshops from July to December for inclusion in the Learning Schedule was the main item. Members had quite an assortment of suggestions for the workshops. For example, the basics of learning 'How to use a Computer', Power Point, Making Cards, Digital Photography and Photoshop.

One member said as there is a shortage of programs on the computers at Ac-cent it would be a good idea if members with Laptops and the programs they wish to learn on them, could bring them to a nominated session.

Another member suggested putting programs or software on a flash drive and just plugging into one of the computers at Ac-cent. This would be ideal.

Questions from members :- What is the procedure to changing an internet provider from one to another.? Most common way is to talk to your new provider and they will do the rest. Written authority to the original provider is required to stop direct billing if that is operating. Another question. Is Wireless a good way to go ? Most members agree it is. Then a member needed to know. Is ADSL 2 available in Mandurah ? Yes it is came the answer.

A member wanted to know how come his bank charges a billing fee of \$5 per month even though he pays 12 months in advance? Suggestion - complain to the bank ! As that famous comedian says – it's your money !

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The Speaker for this month was Dave Smith from SuperNova who gave us some insight into Window 7.

He commenced by saying the program looks similar to Vista however of course it's much better and doesn't have the security problems of XP instead it has the best of Vista and is quicker to boot up. It can detect whether connected to wireless. Also knows the default printer and its compatibility when in a hall or similar.

Files on the desktop can be easily moved around.

A small preview will show web pages if required.

If Internet Explorer is required, shake the mouse (move around) to show an uncluttered screen. Another feature is if your work is on screen and you wish to see a web sight, snap the windows to see both side by side, easier than cut and paste, Dave said.

Can this be used with a CD? He was asked. Yes they will be in separate windows, Dave said. Another question. Are photos better in Windows 7? That depends on the program. Interestingly an email program has free down load, Dave said and Windows Live Photo Gallery also has free down load.

UAC – User Access Control - is another feature and installing programs is easy. Parental control also available with Windows 7 such as PC time in use, games etc. 2 Gig of RAM is recommended.

A good anti virus software is necessary and Dave recommended Trend Micro anti virus as his No 1 and it is very fast cost \$99.95. Norton also excellent.

There are some problems with hardware which sometimes may not be supported by Windows 7. Plus upgrading to Window 7 from XP is not possible. However it can be done with Vista. There Dave concluded his address but was glad to answer and talk to the group of members that gathered around.

We showed our gratitude in the usual way and the President presented Dave with a Certificate of Appreciation.

He was also kind enough to draw the Raffle and the winner was Lewis Hammer, congratulations.

The next meeting will be on the 22nd March
Cheers Christine.

Tips and tricks (Brought to you by ASCCA's Nan Bosler.)

These days when many of us are called upon for grand parenting duties it can be very useful to know the dates of school holidays ahead of time!

Here's a website that will allow you to check the planned dates for school Holidays for each state of Australia right up to 2015.

www.australia.gov.au/topics/australian-facts-and-figures/school-term-dates

Are you curious to just how much hard drive space you have left on your computer? In either Windows XP or Vista, Click Start>Computer ('my Computer' for XP users). Right-click on the drive that you'd like to check and select properties. a window will pop up with a pie-chart that details how much space you have left to work with .

Now you know your storage limitations!

Want an easy way to fix all kinds of connection problems for yourself? All you do is turn off your PC, then your modem, wait two minutes or so, then power up your modem and wait for the three indicator lights to stabilize.

Now switch you PC back on and try connecting again. You'll be surprised how many problems it can fix.

Ever found yourself in a website with dark text on a dark background? This is caused by poor web design or an image which has not opened properly, In order to be able to read the page simply press Ctr + A simultaneously. This will have the effect of highlighting the text.

Have you ever needed a calculator in a hurry but did not know where to find one?

Did you know there is one on your computer?

Click Start >Accessories > Calculator and you have it !

The plus (+),minus(-),multiply (x),division (/) and percent (%) signs are off to the right and it even has a fraction (1/x) and square root (sqrt) button in case you need those. There's also a backspace button for when you accidentally type in the wrong thing.

How about that !
