

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

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Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Management Committee of this Penrith Senior Centre and members all.

It is with pleasure that I am able to present this 6th Annual Report of the Penrith Valley Senior Computing Club Inc. and I thank the members for their confidence in myself.

I would like to thank the Returning Officer for attending this meeting and you Ladies and Gentlemen for your attendance. Special thanks must go to the hard working volunteers and tutors who have done so much for this Club over the years and the Executive Members of this Penrith Senior Centre for their support and assistance during the year.

During the past year the membership of the club increased greatly with the number of members as at 30th June, 2009 at 195. With this increase it was necessary to obtain further updated equipment to cater for these additional members. As a result the Club obtained a grant from the Federal Government under the 2008 Volunteer Grants Program for the purchase of three (3) 15.4 inch Laptop Computers with Windows Vista Business Operating system installed. We also purchased software of 5 copies of Adobe Photoshop elements 7.0, with 2 copies of Introduction to Vista Learning Aids. The Club also purchased 3 new P.C's with 2GB of Memory together with hardware to ensure that they were compatible with our Network system and new Monitors to suit the same. It was also necessary to provide additional desks and chairs for these computers and students.

A further application has been made to the CDSE Funding Grant for Local Government to upgrade the older computers that will not take

the new operating systems. We are still waiting the outcome of this application.

The Penrith Valley Senior Computing Club Inc. web site which was established by our own Web Master is proving a very popular media, especially it's Coffee Break Section. Also produced by the Web Master is the Club's Monthly Newsletter, which is open to anybody that cares to log onto our web site at www.users.on.net/pvscc and scroll down for the Newsletter on the left.

A number of special days were organised and conducted for all members and over 50 old members of the public to see and listen to the NRMA on Safety Tips for Older Drivers and a seminar on How to Protect yourself from Internet Based Scams and ATM Skimming Devices by the Senior Investigator attached to the National Australian Bank. Bothe Seminars were well received by all present.

The Executive Members held meetings every second month and at the last meeting it was decided that the Club would sponsor the first 10 members to contact the President for attendance at the 11th ASCCA Conference at a cost of a possible \$950. Unfortunately only 4 members availed themselves of this Free Offer.

Our Club exists as a member of the Australian Seniors Computing Club Association of Australia Inc., who liaise closely with all Governments of Australia, enabling each individual Club to have access to various avenue of Grants, as such we are always notified of any such grant.

In closing, I would like to reinforce to all current members the benefits and value of being a current financial member of this Club. Last but not least remember that the Penrith Valley Senior Computing club Inc. will only be as good as you the member want it to be, as without members attending classes we do not have a Club.

George Bell, J.P. President.
11th August 2009.