

PRESIDENTS REPORT OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE PENRITH VALLEY SENIORS COMPUTING CLUB INC.
HELD ON THE 9TH AUGUST 2006 AT THE PENRITH SENIORS
CENTRE
86 STATION STREET, PENRITH.

Mr. Mayor; Councilor John Thain, Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Management Committee of this Senior Centre.

It is with pleasure that I present this 3rd Annual report of the Penrith Valley Senior Computing Club.

Firstly I must thank the Mayor for his time in attending this meeting, and you Ladies and Gentlemen for your attendance.

Next the Volunteer Teachers, Tutors and assistants that keep the club running. Also the Executive Management team for their support and assistance during the past year.

We now have over 130 members, who attend the Club during the hours of 9.30am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, attending various computer classes arranged by our Vice President and Class Coordinator, Allen Lees.

With our Data Projector and a small screen, our very popular Tutor, Tom Lehane conducts classes in Digital Imaging and what makes a Computer work properly. This Class is for advanced members, although any member is quite welcome to attend if the space permits.

During the past year the club has finalized the purchase of extra computers, so that we now have a total of 18 very modern computers, together with a high grade colour printer that is networked to all computers. All computers are also networked to a very fast broadband internet server via a wireless system. Also installed is a fast colour scanner, capable of scanner documents, photos, 35mm filmstrips or slides at high quality

The club's excellent computer workshop is now able to conduct classes and presentations in a most enjoyable atmosphere with our modern computer desks and chairs.

Applications have been made to various bodies for grants for the purchase of extra equipment; such as a large Screen, modern Laminator and Photocopier.

successful in our grant. The Penrith City Council will be requested to provide labour to install the sky hooks in an appropriate position, for which if necessary our Club has budgeted and amount to cover this cost.

This will enable members at the back of the room to view the lessons without eyestrain and without the room being blacked out. It will also enable other members that do not wish to attend the lesson that is in progress, to work on a computer without strain.

During Seniors Week, we conducted an open day for all Seniors between 10am and 4pm. Where over 100 seniors including people with disabilities attended the computer room, and great interest was shown in how computers operate and the various programs that tutors and teachers were operating.

The Penrith Valley Seniors Centre internet web site at www.users.on.net/~pvsc, which our club established and maintains under the management of our Webmaster Tom Lehane continues to grow and provide up-to-date information about the activities of all groups that use the Senior Centre including our own Club. The web site also gives accreditation to our many and varied sponsors that have provided sponsorship since our Incorporation.

Our monthly Club Newsletter, produced by Tom Lehane and edited by our Vice President, Allen Lees, is proving very popular amongst not only our own club members, but also members from other computer Clubs within NSW and even to New Zealand. This newsletter is distributed via email to all members that have their own email accounts. Tom's own Coffee Break Section is very popular and is much sought after.

Earlier this year we again submitted applications for funding grants to the Penrith LGA CDSE committee and the Government Funded Volunteer Small Equipment Grant (VSEG) Committee. As yet, there has been no announcement by them about the applications that were submitted. If successful, these funds will enable us to purchase additional equipment.

It is my pleasure to give voice to the sterling work and effort that our Past and Inaugural President Bob Ryan has given to this Club. Bob was one of the very first members of the public that could see the benefit of having a Seniors Computer Club in the Penrith LGA. After many arduous hours spent on organization and other mundane activities, Bob has decided to take a very well earned rest. However he is still on call should such a need arise.

As can be seen by the Agenda there are two (2) Notices of Motion to be placed before the members in accordance with Rule 27 of our Constitution.

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The first Notice of Motion concerns the applying of a Life Membership on Bob Ryan and in accordance with Rule 27 of our Constitution, I now so move.

The second Notice of Motion concerns the lowering of the Annual Fee from \$20 to \$10 Annually as from the 1st July 2007. To give voice to some background to this motion, our Club is in a solvent position and with our budgeting it is felt that the lowering of the Annual Fee will not have a great impact. I now so move.

And now in closing I want to reinforce to all current and past members the benefits and value of being a current member of this club.

You can attend education sessions of your choosing during the year, additional fees still apply to each session and must be subject to attendee limits.

Attend social events such as morning teas, sausage sizzles etc.

Get FREE help with solving your PC problems, a number of our members have saved themselves more than the annual membership fees in potential service fees.

Continue to receive the Club's newsletter (by email), you might even like to contribute an article to it or even help in producing it.

Contribute ideas and make suggestions about the sort of information that should be available to those that visit our Internet site – www.users.on.net/~pvsccl

Please invite your senior friends and neighbors' to visit our club, they too can become members and enjoy the opportunity to expand their PC capabilities in the Seniors friendly environment of our club.

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club will only be as good as you want it to be by you getting in and making it what you want.

Enjoy your Club and good computing and good health.

Yours in Friendship and Computing

George Bell
President
Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club.
9 August 2006.