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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THIS CENTRE, VISITORS, M/S DIANE BOYDE REPRESENTING THE PENRITH CITY COUNCIL AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE MEMBERS OF THE PENRITH VALLEY SENIORS COMPUTING CLUB INCORPORATED.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I AM ABLE TO PRESENT THIS 7TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENRITH VALLEY SENIORS COMPUTING CLUB INC., AND I THANK THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK M/S DIANE BOYDE FOR ACTING AS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR TODAY'S ELECTION 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 PAST YEAR.

DURING THE PAST YEAR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB INCREASED TO 226 MEMBERS AS AT 30 JUNE 2010, WITH CLASSES AT TIME RUNNING TO CAPACITY AND IN SOME INSTANCES OVER CAPACITY, WHEREBY THE OVERFLOW OF MEMBERS WERE DOUBLING UP ON COMPUTERS.

AS A RESULT OF THIS CAPACITY IN SOME OF THE LESSONS, THE CLUB MADE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND WAS ABLE TO REPLACE THE 10 OLD COMPUTERS IN THE CENTRAL BANK WITH TEN (10) NEW VERY FAST COMPUTERS FITTED WITH SOUND CARDS AND RUNNING VISTA AND WINDOWS 7. TO ENABLE THIS TO HAPPEN, THE MANAGEMENT AUTHORISED THE PURCHASING OF NEW LICENSES FOR THESE COMPUTERS AND THE PURCHASE OF THE LATEST PROGRAM, "SCRAP BOOK FACTORY DELUXE 5 DIRECT FROM THE USA' FOR INSTALLATION ON THESE NEW COMPUTERS.

A NUMBER OF NEW LESSONS, NAMELY BASICS OF WINDOWS7; WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER FROM XP AND VISTA AND THE LATEST NEW LESSON IS THE SCRAP BOOK FACTORY DELUXE. ALL THESE CLASSES ARE WELL ATTENDED BY MEMBERS.

THE CLUB ALSO PURCHASED A NEW PRINTER CAPABLE OF PRINTING AND RUNNING PRACTICALLY ALL TYPES OF MATERIAL WHICH ENABLES THE MEMBERS THROUGH THERE TUTORS TO COMPLETE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS . WHILST SENIOR WEEK WAS BEING HELD OUR CLUB HELD A WORKSHOP FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN 'PLAYING CHESS ON THE INTERNET' THIS APPEARED TO BE VERY POPULAR WITH THOSE ATTENDING.

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS HELD MEETINGS EVERY SECOND MONTH WITH A GENERAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH. THE VICE PRESIDENT, ALAN LEES ARRANGED FOR THE PENRITH SENIOR CENTRE TO HAVE ITS OWN WEB SITE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY & HOME CARE , HUMAN SERVICES FOR THIS CLUB TO BE REGISTERED AS A GROUP REGISTRATION APPLICANT FOR GROUP BOOKINGS FOR THE PREMIERS GALA CONCERT GROUP, WHICH ARE HELD DURING SENIORS WEEK AND NORMALLY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER AS THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL WE ARE ENTITLED TO OBTAIN 20 TICKETS.

THE 2010 PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 11.00AM AT THE SYDNEY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE.

THE PENRITH VALLEY SENIORS COMPUTING CLUB INC. WEB SITE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY OUR OWN WEB MASTER, TOM LEHANE AND MAINTAINED BY HIMSELF HAS PROVED A VERY POPULAR MEDIA FOR THE CLUB ESPECIALLY THE COFFEE BREAK SECTION.

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 SENIORS 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.

THANK YOU,



GEORGE BELL, JP PRESIDENT
17 AUGUST 2010.