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## **Presidents Annual Report**

### **August 2007**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I am able to present this 4th 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. My special thanks must go to the hard working volunteers and tutors who have done so much for this Club over the past years and the Executive Members of this Penrith Senior Centre for their support and assistance during this year.

This past year has seen our Club achieve a number of significant milestones in the improvement of our computer workshop facilities. Members attending our computer facilities will have observed that there have been some quite noticeable improvements especially in the size of the Monitors, and the large data screen.

This has been achieved by the donations of various Clubs and other organizations under the CDSE Grant and the Volunteer Small Equipment Grant. We have been able to increase our setup with a large pull down screen and projector, nine 20inch LCD flat Widescreen Monitors , and a copier that has proved very popular.

The Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc. Web site which was established by our Web Master, Tom Lehane, has proved a very popular means of media. Especially it's Coffee Break section. The Web Master keeps the members up to date in all aspects of new computer technology.

Our Monthly newsletter, produced by Web Master, Tom Lehane is still proving as popular as ever amongst our own members and members of other Clubs outside NSW and even to New Zealand. This monthly newsletter is distributed to all members that have an up to date email address. For those members missing out on the delivery of this newsletter, perhaps a check with the Assistant President on your email address could prove helpful.

During the year a number of special days and open days have been organised and conducted for Club Members and the Senior Members of the Public.

Notably were the Telstra information day covering The Next 'G' Networking.  
Australian Tax Office providing information in relation to E-Tax for the internet.  
ASCCA's training day for Train the Trainers.

Seniors Week Open Day where demonstrations of Downloading Embroidery from the Internet to the Computer and transferring to a Memory Card into the Sewing Machine, and Demonstration on

How to Use Ebay were conducted by the Club Trainers.  
During every demonstration and talk our computer room proved to be a popular meeting place.

This year has been a very busy one, attending with other members of the Executive, the Members Meeting of ASCCA and the Annual General Meeting of that Association. I myself have attended seminars held by the Penrith City Council, the Penrith Small Business Council, a Seminar on the Roles and Responsibility of Management Committee members of Incorporated Associations and one held by the Fair Trading Council on the same subject.

With the Vice President, Alan Lees and his partner and the Web Master, Tom Lehane and his partner we attended a Civic Reception at the Penrith Council Chambers on the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Pat Sheehy, where I made a presentation on the Outline and Running of our Club. This presentation was accompanied by a photo slide show of the workings of our Computer Club.

An Executive Committee Meeting has been held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, with a general meeting for all members being held during March. I personally thank each member of the Committee for their drive and commitment to the Club.

The purchases made by the Club during the year included, the large projector screen, copier, nine (9) 20inch LCD Widescreen Monitors, enough software for the computers so that we are not in breach of any copyright licensing laws. Quantity of first grade A4 paper for the printer at a minimal cost to the Club.

In closing, I would like to reinforce to all current and past members the benefits and value of being a current member of the club. You can:-

- Attend any session of your choosing, subject to attendee limits and on payment of the appropriate fee.
- Attend social events such as morning teas etc
- Get Free HELP with solving your PC problems
- Discuss with other club members those PC matters that are of concern or interest to you
- Get FREE advice/assistance in determining what type of Internet connection you need and which Internet Service Provider (ISP) to use
- Be volunteer and HELP other Seniors with learning how to use the PC's
- Use the Club's and broadband connection to 'Surf the Net'.
- Receive the Club's monthly newsletter (where you have a current E-mail address)
- 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/~pvsc](http://www.users.on.net/~pvsc).

Last but not least remember that the Penrith Valley Senior Computing Club will only be as good as you want it to be by "YOU" getting in and making it what you want.

Regards

George Bell, President  
8 August 2007.