

# History Year 4

Peel SeniorNet Association Inc.  
(prepared by Mary Crane)

Year Four – 2002-2003

The following committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 28th October 2002:

Position	Name	Nominator
President	John Schmidt	Gwen Swaby
Vice President	Judy Brealey	Jan Lauder
Secretary	Gwen Swaby	June Kelly
Treasurer	John Fennell	Marilyn Arnup
	Joyce Chalkley	June Kelly
	Marilyn Arnup	Mary Crane
Committee	June Kelly	Gwen Swaby
	Robert Stewart	June Kelly
	Jean Hobson	Mary Crane



The Membership Register Data Base was handed over to Iris Harrison and Gwen Swaby as Ed Crane was to be absent for a large part of the year. Both Iris and Gwen started a Microsoft Access course at TAFE to enable them to continue with the Data Base on Microsoft Access.



Iris Harrison and Bill Frazier

**At the Committee meeting on 15th November 2002, due to unforeseen circumstances, John Schmidt resigned as President and Vice President and Judy Brealey took over as acting President.**

**On 11th February 2003 our Past President, Hilary Turner, died suddenly whilst he was enjoying his weekly bicycle ride with his club. His loss was felt by many and PSN was definitely the poorer in technological “know-how” with his passing.**

**At a Special General Meeting on 24th March 2003 Bill Frazier accepted nomination as President and was accepted unanimously. 2 nominations were received to fill vacancies on the committee. Judy Brealey resumed her position of Vice President.**

**The Committee now were:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Bill Frazier</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Judy Brealey</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Gwen Swaby</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Fennell</b>
	<b>Marilyn Arnup</b>
	<b>June Kelly</b>
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Robert Stewart</b>
	<b>Joyce Chalkley</b>
	<b>Chris Dodd</b>
	<b>Chris Jackson</b>



President Bill Frazier

Following the March meeting our Editor of the PSN Newsletter, Margot Jones, advised that she was unable to continue so Christine Jackson volunteered to take over that role.

Many Special Interest Groups were formed, the convenors of some of them were:

- Mailing List Controllers – June Kelly and Robert Stewart
- PSN Newsletter – Margot Jones
- Website Thankyou Notes – Gwen Swaby
- Social Organisers – June Kelly and Marilyn Arnup
- Raffle Organiser – John Fennell and Jean Hobson
- Publication Distribution – Marilyn Arnup and Jean Hobson
- Liaison Officer (Public Relations) – Judy Brealey and Joyce Calkley

At the General Meeting on 28th April 2003 it was decided to create sub-committees to assist the aims of PSN. These were discussed and involvement of members sought for the following:

1. Web page. Sybil Smith, Barbara Tuckfield and Bill Frazier will work on this for improvements and changes.
2. PSN Newsletter. An Editor is required. Gwen Swaby & Robert Stewart are now helping with this but volunteers are needed.
3. New Members . To approach, welcome and help new members. John Fennell & Gwen Swaby to assist with this.
4. Non Internet Members. To help and send snail mail information. - Gwen Swaby and Audrey Mitchell.
5. Public Relations. - Judy Brealey, Bill Frazier and Joyce Chalkley.
6. Training – Bill Frazier, Gwen Swaby and John Fennell and later Mary Crane will assist. The training will cover - using a scanner, Digital Camera and other relevant information and how this can be for implemented. Members views also sought.
7. Guest Speakers - who arranges these and makes contact. Judy Brealey & Marilyn Arnup agreed to work on this.
8. Social. Joyce Chalkley, Chris Dodd and Robert Stewart will arrange possible trips, barbeques but need new ideas from members.
9. The Senior Citizens Centre Liasion Officer is Judy Brealey.

Items discussed and reports given at this meeting were:

Sybil Smith said the Web page is making good progress.

Ed Crane explained that he has the membership on DataBase and is willing to help train others.

June Kelly emphasised the importance for members to attend the morning tea on Thursday 1st May at 10.00 am at the Stage Door Restaurant. Cost \$5.50 .

Marilyn Arnup called for volunteers for the Computer Room as supervisors, pointing out what a great help to new comers this is. New session being planned. During the break for afternoon tea many of our members stepped forward as volunteers for the Computer Room and other areas. They were - Olga Hedamann, Barbara Tuckfield, Janete Lanepard, Jean Hobson, Robert Stewart, Gena Nissen ( later in the year) and Joyce Chalkey. We thank them.

It was announced at this meeting that the Committee had approved revised annual membership fees as follows:

The fees are \$15 single, \$25 couple per annum. From May onwards fees are halved. From October the full fees will carry over until the New Year.

Workshops planned for May included a 2hr Scanner course and a general access period. This for accredited members only. The maintenance courses included-

- Defragmentation
- Digital cameras
- Scanner (2)
- Word skills ( processing)
- Touch typing program
- Mail merging
- Understanding keyboard short cuts.

In August 2003 our "Web Weaver", Sybil Smith, announced the new PSN Web Page address was [www.peelseniors.net](http://www.peelseniors.net). There was an 's' added to 'peelseniors', to enable this site to break away from the old site which was not workable.

During May 2003 the present PSN Web Page was deleted in order to establish a brand new one. This was done with the volunteer aid of Mandurah Senior College, an 'on line' group of students at their office in the Mandurah Forum. The new design incorporated the Web page recently designed by Edwin Bouwhuis and member Sybil Smith.

Iris Harrison, who took over the Data Base Register of Members from Ed Crane in October 2002, advised that due to other commitments at the Centre she would be no longer able to fill this position. Merv Brindley volunteered to take it over.

A position as Welfare Officer was established and Edith Smoothy kindly volunteered for the job. Helpers who offered assistance in this role were Jean McLoughlin, Robert Stewart Joy Edwards and Dixon Woollam. Members were requested to inform them if they heard of someone needing cheering up because of ill health or a family problem.

At this stage the PSN Training Courses held on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm or 2.45pm. consisted of:

- Digital camera work, how to use the photo shop and paint shop areas to enhancing photos.
- Downloading in general from Internet to CD and backups such as Zip drive which I learnt today can store the equivalent approximately 70 floppy disks.
- Scanning and defragmenting refresher.

- How to manage Zip files and files in general.
- More information on Anti Virus programs.

On the social side, there was a morning tea at the Amalfi Café. 10am. Thursday 4th Sept \$6, and a planned trip to Kings Park on Thursday 25th Sept..

Our very first photographic competition was held on 25th August 2003 and the results were :-

Portrait	Winner, Hans Nisson (A whisky set)
2 or more people	Winner - Myles Arnup (A Toaster)
Landscape	Winners - Carole De Silver (A Bowl set) Chris Dodd. (Six glasses)

Our thanks to Mr Garth Lynch who very ably judged the photos and offered help and advice.

At the 15th October Committee meeting Chris Dodd tendered his resignation as Committee Member

On 25th September 2003 many photographers and other members participated in the bus trip to the Wild Flower Display in Kings Park. Underneath is a small selection of their photos.

