

Peel SeniorNet Association (Inc) Presidents Annual Report 2015-2016

At the 2015 AGM we were unable to fill all the Committee Positions, most of the Committee who nominated for 2015-2016 were members from the 2014-2015 Committee, this was disappointing, if these Members had not stepped forward, the Club would have had to consider the future of PSN, and if it could continue.

On a brighter note the Christmas Windup at Breakers Restaurant was a success with 28 Members and a couple of guests enjoyed a great meal and wonderful fellowship.

The New Year started slowly, we were advised that access to the Computer Room would now be charged at \$17.00 per hour for meetings and training, as a result, and with reduced numbers, it was decided to hold the General Meetings in the Craft Room and the Main Hall for the Photo Competition. There were problems even with this, as the two meetings on the months where there was a public holiday on the fourth Monday; these had to be held in the Dining Room after the meal had been cleared away.

Enquiries were made by the Committee for alternate locations where we could meet and carry out training, but while there were a small number of locations, the costs were similar and there was limited access to the internet, which is available at Ac-cent at no cost.

The Table/Tablet Talk started off very well with good numbers, but we then had to hold it in the Dining Room, after Ac-cent Members had finished the lunch. The numbers reduced with each meeting until in August it was decided to discontinue the Table/Tablet Talk Meetings, because of the low number attending, and Ac-cent now had a "Digital Hub Program catering for tablets and mobile phones each fortnight.

Outings for morning tea were another area where the attendance dropped off, and at a some of these there were only a number of the Committee and their spouses who enjoyed the fellowship.

Member's photos for showing at the General Meetings again came down to a few Members putting forward their photos for critique. The Photo Competition on the 27th of June 2016 was better attended, but again there were a limited number of photos from a limited number of Members.

With one of our very active Committee Members resigning, the PSN News Letter had a few months where it was not published. Muriel Ming took up the challenge, and has now produced a very newsy and colourful PSN Newsletter each month. Thanks Muriel.

Kate Orr has organised the guest Speaker Program and we have had some very interesting Guest speakers but also some thought provoking General Meetings, like the one "What would you take if you had to leave your residence in one or two minutes". The First "Question and Answer Session" was well attended and there were many very good questions. Unfortunately the second Question and Answer Session was not well attended and with very few questions but Lilian was able to show some of the issues with the providers of service on the NBN.

Following a very concerted effort by the Committee we were able to raise the number of Financial Members to 50 and increased to 51 later in the year. Numbers at the General Meetings have been reducing, which continued to be concern for the Committee and even with good topics and good speakers the numbers continued to reduce.

Lillian Bridewell with her knowledge of the Windows Operating Systems, photos, Apps and many other things Digital has helped hold the General Meetings together and make them interesting and informative.

Training has been on an individual basis throughout the year, with Lillian Bridewell doing most of the Training and with me being available for introductory training.

The Future of Peel SeniorNet Association (Inc) will depend on the outcomes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, if the Association is able to form a workable Committee, then Peel Seniornet Association can move forward at least another year. If a workable Committee is not formed at the Annual General Meeting, then Members will need to consider the future of Peel Seniornet Association (Inc) and the Associations assets.

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President
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