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Annual General Meeting: 14th October 2024.

The meeting opened at 10:30 am and Phil welcomed us all.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST AGM, as circulated as being true and correct.

Accepted: Phil R Seconded: Faye H

ATTENDANCE: Barbara M, Laurel M, Faye H, Phil R, Mike K, Celia M, Lindsay G, Murray C, Ron and Beryl H, Faye B, Ron G, Suzanne and Dan D and Philip S.

APOLOGIES: Eileen S.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30/06/2024

INCOME	\$	\$
Attendance	266.00	
Membership	710.00	
Donation	557.95	
Interest	210.37	
Joining Fee	30.00	
Sales	290.00	
TOTAL INCOME		2064.32

EXPENDITURE	\$	
Accounting Fees	153.63	
Postage	544.79	
Morning Tea	120.00	
Stationery	90.48	
General Expenses	39.99	
Honorariums	600.00	
NCWA Member	100.00	
Purchases for Resale	191.30	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1840.19

NET PROFIT FOR 12 MONTHS 224.13

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2024

ASSETS:

Cheque Account	1403.94
Term Deposit	6222.65
Petty Cash	100.00

Approved: Phil R.

Seconded: Faye B.

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Faye (our Treasurer) has many members all paying similar amounts online and without your name and what you're paying for then Faye has little chance of knowing from whom the payments came and the purpose of the payment.

TOTAL EQUITY:

Assets on hand (Paid for from previous successful grants):

1. My Pro remote PA System – System consists of two microphones and a small battery-operated amplifier with speaker.
2. Toucan Display – Consists of eight display (presentation) boards that can be mounted together and a small diamond-shaped table. The purpose of this display is to be used at exhibitions e.g. shopping centres and agricultural shows.

PNSG Objects (taken from PNSG Governing Document)

Our Objects of Association (why our group exists) are to:

1. Provide support through education and sharing information and experiences relating to peripheral neuropathy and to those who live with it.
2. Lobby for and support research into causes, prevention and treatment of peripheral neuropathy.
3. Increase public awareness of the nature and extent of peripheral neuropathy and the need for early intervention and research.
4. Encourage the development of new therapies and devices for treatment of peripheral neuropathy.
5. Gain recognition and support from relevant government and non-government bodies.
6. Encourage medical and allied health professionals to help coverage, care and treatment; and,
7. Participate in national and international awareness of information exchange.

Should any member or interested party wish to read the full PNSG governing document then it is available on our website <https://pnsg.org.au>. If a hard copy is required then please contact Phil R on his mobile: 0417 186 337 and/or his email: phil.r@pnsg.org.au.

WHAT THE GROUP HAS ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:

1. After reviewing our membership numbers, we have established we have 40 active members at present and would like to reach 80 by October 2025 as well as to provide extra services to members.
2. To help reach more prospective members a website has been set up this year. New information is continually added to the website (www.pnsg.org.au).
3. We have had phone conversations with our members regarding health and offering support. These phone calls have been well received. The group hoped to provide extra support through education and sharing information and experiences relating to Peripheral Neuropathy. It has been done via our Newsletter, with content and appearance and also improved distribution and maintenance.
4. THE PNSG is an active member of NCWA (Neurological Council of W.A.) and has also continued its association with ConnectGroups, (an umbrella of NCWA) This association enables us to apply for small grants to help us improve our services to our members.
5. There has been an increase in our public awareness of PN and other diseases including the nature and extent of P.N. The University of Queensland has contacted us regarding research they hope to carry out. Their idea is to take stem cells from the nose and transplant to various parts of the body to try to find a cause and cure for Peripheral Neuropathy and other conditions. Again, helping us to increase PN awareness an Australian investment business in Queensland called AusInvest held a fund raiser for our group and raised \$5860 for their fundraiser program after finding details about us on the web. PNSG is promoting to retirement villages and doctor's practices.
6. We have encouraged development of new therapies and devices for treatment of P.N. e.g. TENS, Rebuilder etc.
7. We have continued to gain support and recognition from relevant government and non-government bodies e.g. ConnectGroups.
8. The Annual Membership Fee was increased from \$15.00 on 1st July 2024.
9. Our Term deposit has been reinvested in a term bank account.
10. Members and any other interested parties were encouraged to contact Phil R on his mob: 0417 186 337 and/or email: phil.r@pnsg.org.au for further information.

11. PNSG will encourage medical and allied health professionals to aid with P.N. awareness care and treatment by contact with G.Ps and Retirement Villages.
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Electing Officials for the Next Year:

The requirements of the below positions were discussed and attending members were given the opportunity to vote or apply for the following positions:

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Chairman

(It was agreed that due to technology permitting ready access to and the interchangeability of the above job holders and the size of our group there is no need for an Assistant Chairman).

The following members applied for and were unanimously accepted:

Secretary – Barbara M

Treasurer – Faye H

Chairman – Phil R

Planned Activities by October 2025:

The following activities were discussed and considered relevant for the next 12 months:

PNSG's Objects of Association	Planned Activities
Provide support through education and sharing information and experiences relating to peripheral neuropathy and to those who live with it.	Promotions: 1. Shopping Centres. 2. Retirement Villages. 3. Exhibitions. 4. Doctors (GP). 5. Other Health Professionals. Support: 1. Personal telephone and email contact with members. 2. Website development to allow interaction with new and existing members. Research: 1. Interact with universities and other research centres, nationally and internationally. Increase Time Spent on Service Delivery to Members: 1. Maximise administration systems. 2. Recruit personnel from: a. Existing members. b. New members. c. Student Intern(s). d. Hire Employee(s). Communications: 1. Improved website (interactive 2-way communication). 2. Utilise teleconferencing e.g. Zoom, Teams etc.
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Increased public awareness of the nature and extent of peripheral neuropathy and the need for early intervention and research.	
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Gain recognition and support from relevant government and non-government bodies.	
Encourage medical and allied health professionals to help coverage, care and treatment	
Participate in national and international awareness of information exchange.	

Phil R. said should any member wish to contribute some of their time for the betterment of our group then they are encouraged to contact him.

The meeting was closed at 11.05 am.

Our Next AGM: Details of our next AGM shall be announced in August – September 2025.