



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2025

13th October 2025

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NEWSLETTER /P.N. MINUTES: 13th October 2025.

The meeting opened at 10:33 am and Phil R welcomed us all.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, as circulated as being true and correct.

Accepted:

Phil R

Seconded:

Barbara M

ATTENDANCE:

Lynne G, Barbara M, Celia M, Faye B, Faye H, Janet L, Suzanne D, Ed L, Dan D, Peter T, Ron H, Phil R and Mike K.

APOLOGIES:

Pat R, Laurel M, Murray C, Peter H and Ron G.

Many thanks to members who completed the following actions and have contributed to PNSG's success in the past 12 months:

1. Meeting Coordination.
2. Financial Management.
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TREASURER’S REPORT (as of 30/06/2025):

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Membership D.D.	1155.00	Advertising-Web/Radio	469.30
Bank Interest	296.11	Stationery	137.99
Donation	6179.10	General Expenses	52.72
Sales	687.50	Postage	302.30
		Accounting Fees	180.00
		Honorariums†	0.00
		NCWA Membership	0.00
		Products for Resale	559.15
		Gifts	183.66
TOTAL	8317.71		1885.12

Net Profit 6432.59

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (at Bank)	7540.42
Term Dep	6518.76
Petty Cash	100.00
TOTAL ASSETS	14,159.18

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	0.00

EQUITY

Current Yr Earn	6432.59
Retained Earn	7726.59
TOTAL EQUITY	14,159.18

†Honorariums were paid this year as normal however the expense will be shown in 2026 AGM.

Approved: Celia M .

Seconded: Suzanne D

EQUIPMENT ASSETS:

Assets on hand (Paid for from previous successful grants and are now considered to have no resale value):

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

AGMs require us to take a snapshot in time of where we are with the intent of making future changes /improvements where necessary. We need to revisit and ensure we have identified the direction we wish to take and visualise what want our group to look like by October 2026.

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WHAT THE GROUP HAS ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:

1. After reviewing our membership numbers, we have established we have 83 members (financial status not yet confirmed), and we wish to reach 110 by October 2026 as well as to provide extra services to members.
2. To help reach more prospective members:
 - a. PNSG – SA has been set up with Peter H as our Social Group Coordinator. Peter continues to do a great job.
 - b. Our website has received maintenance and minor updates and but is still basic. New information is continually being added to the website (www.pnsg.org.au).
3. We have had made some phone calls to our members regarding contact details, 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 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 Alike WA, this association enables us to apply for small grants to help us improve our services to our members. However, we have made no applications for grants in 2024-25.
5. There has been an increase in our public awareness of PN and other diseases including the nature and extent of PN. We have stayed in contact with the University of Queensland us regarding research they are carrying 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 PNSG was hoping to promote to retirement villages and doctor's practices however no progress was made in this area.
6. We have started to build a strong relationship with Heal Better Health Center in Charlottesville USA. The head of this practise is Dr Brian Prax. He is an excellent presenter and his presentation to us was well received.

We also received a presentation from Stephanie of Flynn and Steve Jones regarding how Acupuncture can help PN sufferers.

7. We have encouraged development of new therapies and devices for treatment of P.N. e.g. TENS, Rebuilder etc.
8. We have not gained any support or recognition from relevant government and non-government bodies e.g. Alike WA.
9. Interest gained from our term deposit has been reinvested in our bank account. No increase to be made to the term deposit account from PNSG's current bank account (operational).
10. Members and any other interested parties were encouraged to contact Phil R on his mob: 0417 186 337 and/or email: phil.r@pns.org.au for further information.
11. Where the opportunity arises PNSG will encourage medical and allied health professionals to aid with PN awareness, care and treatment by contact with GPs and Retirement Villages.

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. Assistant Chair (We currently do not have an Assistant Chair. This is detrimental to PNSG's operational stability and the requirements of PNSG's Rules of Association (last amended 3rd October 2005).
4. Chair

The position of Assistance Chair was offered up and attending members were encouraged to apply.

The following members applied for the positions and were unanimously accepted:

Secretary – Barbara M

Treasurer – Faye H

Assistant Chair – No one applied and therefore the position will remain available until it is filled. (The position requires approximately 21 hours a year commitment).

Chair – Phil R

PLANNED ACTIVITIES BY OCTOBER 2026:

The following activities were discussed and considered relevant for the next 12 months. However, everything depends upon people and money resources “we can beg, steal or borrow”:

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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neurological Council of WA. 2. Retirement Villages. 3. Exhibitions. 4. Doctors (GP). 5. Other supporting Health Professionals. 	
Lobby for and support research into causes, prevention and treatment of peripheral neuropathy.		
Increased public awareness of the nature and extent of peripheral neuropathy and the need for early intervention and research.		Support for Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal telephone and email contact with members. 2. Website development to allow interaction with new and existing members.
Encourage the development of new therapies and devices for treatment of peripheral neuropathy.		Research: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interact with universities and other research centres, nationally and internationally.
Gain recognition and support from relevant government and non-government bodies.		Increase Time Spent on Service Delivery to Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximise administration systems. 2. Recruit personnel from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Existing members. b. New members.
Encourage medical and allied health professionals to help coverage, care and treatment		
Participate in national and international awareness of information exchange.	Communications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved website (interactive 2-way communication). 2. Utilise teleconferencing e.g. Google Meet, Teams etc. 	

As no further items were required to be discussed the AGM closed at 11:09 am.

Next Annual General Meeting is planned for 12th October 2026 at the Niche: cnr of Aberdare Rd and Hospital Ave, Nedlands WA 6009.