



**TREASURER'S REPORT (as of 31/03/2026)**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>
Membership D.D.	40.00	Web site	27.23
Donation D D	0.00	PNSG Domain Name (p.a.)	33.59
Accident Cr. D.D.	0.00	Postage (Newsletters)	18.75
Membership	0.00	Accident Cream	201.05
Donation	0.00		
Sale Accid Cream	0.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>40.00</u>		<u>280.62</u>

Balance b/f 7931.45

**BANK ACCOUNT**

Website (3 mths)	27.23	Deposits	40.00
PNSG Domain Name (p.a.)	33.59		
Postage (Newsletters)	18.75		
Accident Cream	201.05		
Balance c/f	7690.83		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>7971.45</u>		<u>7971.45</u>

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**ACCOUNTS FOR  
PAYMENT**

Website (1 mth)	9.23
Computer repairs (NG)	200.00
AU-IT (IT Support)	418.00
Toner (NG)	27.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u>654.73</u>

Approved: Phil R. Seconded: Suzanne D.

PLEASE: Include your name and payment details when paying online. Faye H. (our Treasurer) cannot identify payments without this information.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

### 1. New Members:

- a. Melissa O. – She has idiopathic PN. Her PN is in her feet with a tingling numbness which began in her hands. She is quite young to have PN and there were discussions about her getting an appointment with an appropriate neurologist.

### 2. Grants and Donations:

Patrick Mc. has recently joined us and has agreed to take on the responsibility of applying for grants and any other funding opportunities available to us (much to the relief of Phil R. 😊).

Both Patrick Mc. and his wife have significant experience and success with winning grants for the Limelight Theatre in Wanneroo WA.

Whilst Patrick was unable to attend our April 2026 meeting, he communicated to Phil R. by phone that he's busily collecting current grant information availability as well as researching information about PNSG (which is out there in the public domain for all to see.)

### 3. PNSG Internal Audit (April 2026)

Phil R. will review PNSG's managing documents and will compare what we "say" we do with his findings to what we "actually" do.

Phil R. will present his findings at the May 2026 meeting.

### 4. IT Support and Other IT Woes:

- a. Phil R. is applying what little remaining sanity he has by scouring for opportunities to find an appropriately knowledgeable, qualified and secure IT Support person. Hopefully at no financial cost to PNSG.

- i. Phil R. has proposed W to try speed up the process of resolving PNSG's IT woes he needs to have his non-preapproval float of \$100 month to be raised to \$500 month. Whilst this is a financial concern as PNSG's funds could be whittled away quickly the Committee voted unanimously to allow the increase providing Phil R reports his IT spending at each monthly meeting.

- b. PNSG needs to subscribe to Microsoft to be able to use Microsoft M365 software necessary to run PNSG.

Microsoft is reducing the discount to NFPs from Microsoft's retail pricelist from 100% to 75%. That means PNSG will need to pay a total of \$220 /year (approx.) for Microsoft M365 products.

Faye H. asked Ninetta G. and Phil R. (as they each needs a version of M365) will they sometimes utilise the software for personal use?

It was openly discussed and both Ninetta G. and Phil R. are to advise the Management Committee at the May 2026 meeting.

- c. Microsoft is upping the ante about better protecting its user's email sending and receiving software programs. This will affect Microsoft's sending email program Outlook and their receiving programs Hotmail.com, Live.com and Outlook.com.

Both Ninetta G. and Phil R. said that whilst the issue only affects less than 10 of our members Ninetta G. and Phil R. have spent many hours trying to resolve this issue to ensure some members will receive their monthly newsletter and other emails smoothly and on time.

Up until now we have gotten away with using Microsoft Outlook to send and receive PNSG emails. Outlook is a one-to-one email send and receive program. It is *not* intended to send out bulk emails like member's newsletters (even though we are sending out only 70 emails at a time).

Whilst it's only Microsoft who are now imposing these security changes, we must expect the other big software companies (Apple, Google etc.,) to soon follow suit.

Phil R. said he's looking at PNSG utilising a bulk email mailing company.

A company called HubSpot is huge, secure, multi-featured and best of all (yes, you've guessed it) free to tiny little NFPs like us.)

HubSpot could be the answer to our prayers as utilising HubSpot will take care of our emailing problems.

- d. Phil R. said that IT stuff is currently taking up a lot of meeting time. If any attendees are not happy about this then they are encouraged to talk to Phil R. after the meeting.

## 5. **PNSG Policies:**

Definition of the term "Policies" – Policies refers to PNSG "Rules" stating "What" needs to be done /followed by PNSG and not necessarily "How" PNSG is to perform a task.

Phil R. said he's drafted some policies and he's looking for a Committee Member to read through the hardcopy policies. The ideal person at the meeting doesn't need to be experienced in writing policies but most be able to "think outside the box." and be able to ask herself /himself:

- a. Do the individual polices make sense?
- b. Are the policies easy to read and understand?
- c. Do I have suggestions to improve these existing polices?
- d. Do I think PNSG needs additional policies and if so, covering what parts of PNSG's activities?

At the meeting Suzanne D. volunteered for the above task.

## 6. **Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group - South Australia:**

Peter H. is holding the April 2026 South Australian meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.

It's planned a guest speaker with professional qualifications will present to attendees at the meeting.

As they meet in a splendid coffee shop /ice-cream parlour I guess they're likely to indulge in the local fare!

It appears our WA members don't know much about Peter H. (our Convenor in South Australia). We have now received details of Peter H's experience. It's been put up on our website:

<https://pnsg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Peter-H-Bio.pdf>

## 7. **Assistant Chair Position:**

Phil R. said to meet ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission) and NCWA (Neurological Council of WA) expectations PNSG needs to officially source and vote in an Assistant Chairperson to stand in temporarily for Phil R. (Chair) when Phil R. is not available.

Phil R. will ask at May's meeting if there are any takers.

## 8. **Dr Prax**

No news to report from Dr Prax this month; we're expecting another excellent video from him to help us eat better for our health's sake. It's expected over the next couple of weeks.

**Meeting closed at 11:15 am.**

**Next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 10:00 am to 12 pm at (AWST):**

**The Niche, located at the corner of Aberdare Road and Hospital Avenue, Nedlands, WA.**

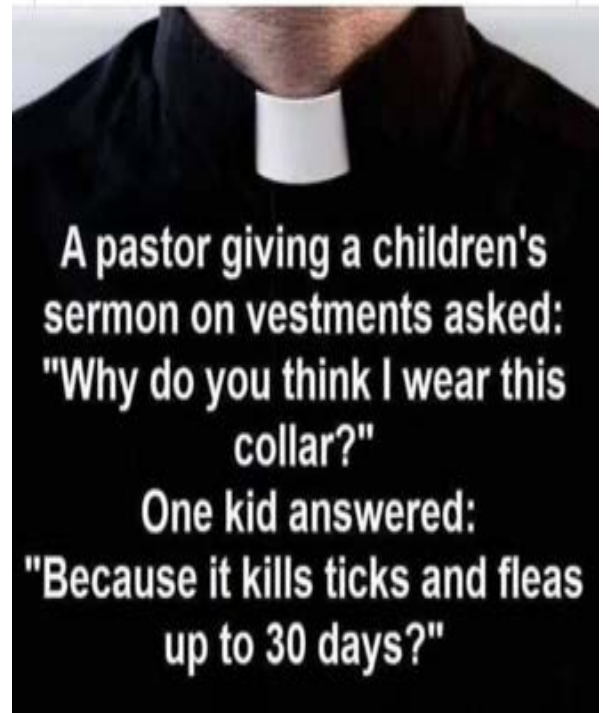
**Hope to see you there!!! (either in the flesh or online)**

***Thought for the day...***

To get things done *and* build a better world...

"Be ruthless with time and gracious with people."

On a lighter note...





Thank you and good night!