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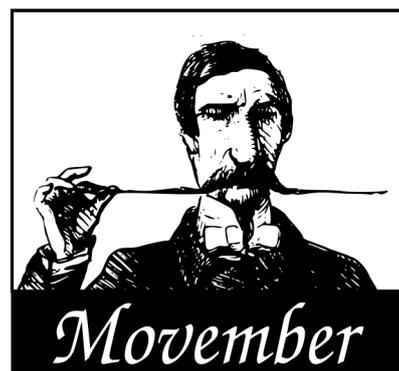


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Our next Meeting,  
**Friday**  
**3rd November**  
at 10.00am

St Andrews Church Centre  
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St  
The main entrance is in Vincent Street with parking in the grounds and disabled parking near the basement entrance.



*Visitors welcome*

The early speakers will be Graeme FitzGerald explaining Mail Chimp how to enrol on classes, and Dick Harris showing us some recent updates to Windows 10.  
The main speaker will be Jordan Bennett from *Vodafone Pakuranga*. His presentation is entitled "***Mobile Phones and more – The latest in cellular technology***"

Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

### NOVEMBER **HELP** DAYS

Wed	8 Nov	10am
Mon	13 Nov	10am
Thurs	23 Nov	10am
Tues	28 Nov	10am



### 9 NEW MEMBERS

Mary Patterson	Judy Bruce
Precille Harrison	Gordon Miles
Ruby Benjamin	Barbara Dixon
Helen Hempstock	Zena Bracey
Bruce Richards	

## Chairman's Report

Brian Erikson

Its been quite a busy period for the committee with a transfer of the Secretary position to Dawn Howarth and hence this report will be somewhat curtailed.

In the first meeting of the new committee we agreed to make committee meetings open for SeniorNet Members to sit in the "gallery" and listen in to general business. The Chairman can ask for the proceeding to go into "committee" for sensitive issues. Thus you are invited to attend, on the third Friday of the month starting at 9.30 am. Please email your wish to attend to [brian@erikson.net.nz](mailto:brian@erikson.net.nz) so we can limit attendance to the number of seats we have.

This month we welcomed a number of SeniorNet visitors from around Auckland to hear Grant Sidaway deliver his presentation. Also attending was the Chairman of SeniorNet Auckland, based in their Learning Centre at the RSA Onehunga, who had earlier had discussion with me regarding the closure of that Centre. We have subsequently invited their members to consider the convenience of joining us at Pakuranga. More information will be forthcoming at our November meeting.

## Notes from October Meeting

Dawn Howarth

As usual, Brian opened the meeting welcoming guest invited from other SeniorNet clubs in Auckland and visitors. He also welcomed 14 new members. This is amazing.

We then had our AGM which ran quickly and smoothly. Brian read his **Chairman's Report** highlighting our achievements over the last 12 months, and confirmed our annual subscription would remain at \$30.

**Kevin Browne** read the **Financial Report** which included an explanation of our becoming Legal Entity although we are still a charity. He advised that we had over 600 students taking part in our classes over the last 12 months. We learned our income was slightly up on the previous year and our expenditure was slightly lower so we are doing well. Jim retired from his position as Secretary and the remainder of the committee were quickly re-elected. Brian sincerely thanked Jim for his fine efforts as Secretary over the years. Fortunately for us, Jim will continue his tutorship and classes.

After coffee Brian introduced the inimitable **Grant Sidaway** who he worked with 'in the olden days' – when their hair was a different colour, mobile phones had just been invented – and they were strong enough to carry them. Grant's talk was entitled **How We Are All Connected** and he very ably demonstrated just how connected we are with over half the people in the world being connected to the internet and amazingly 108% of the world population has a mobile phone.

Some of the really great looking Apps Grant told us about included **Kin2Kin** – a more private version of Facebook; **iHeart Radio** - you can hear perfect radio stations from anywhere in the world. **WAZE** for road conditions, traffic holdups, accidents, etc loaded on by other users and very up to the minute. **Flight Radar 24** – to see planes in the air, anywhere in the world, and their flight details including ETA. Excellent if you have to meet a flight; and **Shazam** – for downloading music wherever you hear it.

We also had a demonstration of the **virtual reality** 'goggles' or headwear to give you incredible experiences using your mobile apps and the goggles only cost about \$30 – take your mobile with you when buying the goggles to ensure you get the right size headwear.

Finally Grant showed us a wineglass he created on his **3D printer** while he was speaking to us. He showed all sorts of applications this could be put to for lots of fun,

The point of Grant's very humorous talk was to say **keep trying everything that comes your way**. You may not like an app, so delete it and try something else. *It is important we extend ourselves, be excited by technology and keep up with all that is going on around us.* An excellent sentiment—and at the same time you can surprise your grandchildren with your skills.

In closing – I was thrilled to learn that so many read my column last month. Well done all 9 of you!!





## Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

### COMMITTEE

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#### PARKING AT LEARNING CENTRE

The roadworks on BenLmond Crescent have been completed and we are required to park on the road now. Thank you for your consideration during the roadworks and hopefully you will find parking not too difficult in the future.

Don't forget to keep looking for interesting speakers for our meetings—and volunteers to help at the Training School.

Does anyone have a Laptop (with Windows 7 or newer) that they no longer require and are prepared to donate for a youngster just starting? Please phone Merv on 576 8737 or email [4merv.c@gmail.com](mailto:4merv.c@gmail.com)

When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off?

He's all right now.

Please email your comments, suggestions or ads to [dawn@orcon.net.nz](mailto:dawn@orcon.net.nz) by the 15th of the month for inclusion in next SeniorNet newsletter.

I went to the liquor store on Tuesday afternoon and bought a bottle of rum, then put it in the bicycle basket. As I was about to leave, I thought to myself, if I fell off the bicycle the bottle would break. So I drank all the rum before I cycled home. It turned out to be a very good decision because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.



"I'm glad they introduced cloud computing up here."

# NOV/DEC Courses, Workshops

DATE	TIME	COURSE	CLASS DATES
<b>03 Nov Fri</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>03 Nov</b>
06 Nov Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	06/Nov
06 Nov Mon	1:00 PM	Spreadsheets	06/Nov, 13/Nov
<b>08 Nov Wed</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>08/Nov</b>
10 Nov Fri	10:00 AM	Induction Program	10/Nov
<b>13 Nov Mon</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>13/Nov</b>
14 Nov Tue	9:30 AM	Gmail Popup	14/Nov
16 Nov Thu	10:00 AM	Picasa (Digital Photography.)	16/Nov, 23/Nov
17 Nov Fri	9:30 AM	Committee Meeting	17 Nov
21 Nov Tue	10:00 AM	Genealogy Research	21/Nov
<b>23 Nov Thu</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>23/Nov</b>
27 Nov Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)	27/Nov
<b>28 Nov Tue</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>28/Nov</b>
29 Nov Wed	1:00 PM	Apple iPads & iPhones	29/Nov
30 Nov Thu	10:00 AM	Taking the Plunge	30/Nov, 07/Dec, 14/Dec
30 Nov Thu	1:00 PM	Windows 10	30/Nov, 07/Dec
01 Dec Fri	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	01/Dec
04 Dec Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	04/Dec
<b>05 Dec Tue</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>05/Dec</b>
11 Dec Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)	11/Dec
<b>12 Dec Tue</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>12/Dec</b>
15 Dec Fri	9:30 AM	Committee Meeting	15/Dec
<b>18 Dec Mon</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>18/Dec</b>

◆ **To attend any courses, please telephone or email the tutor and make a booking or click on "Click here to Enrol" button when you receive the reminder email.**

◆ Should you wish to join a class which isn't currently in the diary, contact the tutor and discuss the scheduling of class at a future date. If you would like to learn something we don't currently teach, contact Graeme FitzGerald, Course Co-Ordinator, who will enquire about a tutor for you.

◆ *All courses cost \$5, per day. Please pay the full course fee to the tutor on the first day of your course. Please bring the correct cash or a cheque.*

◆ Please wear your name badge on the course (or to any SeniorNet meeting).

As well as confirming your membership, this is a helpful and friendly courtesy to others.

◆ *All courses are held at our Learning Centre, BenLomond Crescent, Pakuranga.*

◆ You must park on the road when attending the Learning Centre — **Sorry, no parking is permitted on site.**

# COURSES / WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

## Advanced Word Processing

Follows on from Word Power using Word 2007/10 and covers advanced features of Word.

3 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$15

Contact: Maureen Keys ph: 271 5553  
or Email: keyism@clear.net.nz

## Apple iPads & iPhones

Bring your own iPad or iPhone and learn what it can do.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Dick Harris ph: 576 9483  
or Email: rharris@ihug.co.nz

## CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives

Using a free download of Nero software. Flashdrives used for storage devices.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Brian Erikson ph: 534 4798  
or Email: brian@erikson.net.nz

## Email

Using Microsoft Outlook, Live Mail and Google's Gmail, learn how to send and receive emails.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221  
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

## Genealogy - Getting Started

Come and learn how to record your family history for the next generation using RootsMagic.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Graeme FitzGerald ph: 272 9271  
or Email: g.fitzg14@gmail.com

## Genealogy Research

This course focuses on how to carry out genealogy research using the internet and local resources.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Graeme FitzGerald ph: 272 9271  
or Email: g.fitzg14@gmail.com

## Help Session

Bring your problems to a help session where one of your fellow SeniorNet members will help you. NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Open 2 hours

Gold coin donation welcome

Contact: Michael Empson ph: 535 8506  
or Email: mempson@xtra.co.nz

## Laptop Basics

What to look for when buying a Laptop or Notebook. Setting things up and introduction to Windows 10 operating system.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221  
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

## Microsoft Surface Tablets

An introduction to Windows 10 operating system with your own Surface tablet. Explore the tablet's advanced features.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221  
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

## Picasa (Digital Photography)

Learn how to transfer images from camera to computer then edit, add text, and make a slide Show and more.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Email: brian@erikson.net.nz  
or Email: haackoinhowick@gmail.com

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# COURSES / WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

## Pop Up Workshop

These popup workshop are designed to teach members new technologies, services and gadgets as they become available.

1 Session of 2 Hours Fee: \$5  
Contact: Dick Harris ph: 576 9483  
or Email: rharris@ihug.co.nz

## Power Point/Publisher Pop Up

A demonstration of Microsoft Power Point and Publisher

1 Session of 2 Hours Fee: \$5  
Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221  
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

## Skype to Stay In Touch

Learn how to video call friends and relatives around the world **free** using Skype.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours Fee: \$10  
Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221  
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

## Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)

Bring your Android Smartphone and tablets to this workshop and learn about its advanced features.

1 Session of 2 Hours Fee: \$5  
Contact: Brian Erikson  
Email: brian@erikson.net.nz

## Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)

Bring your Android Smartphone and tablets to this workshop and learn what they can do.

1 Session of 2 Hours Fee: \$5  
Contact: Brian Erikson  
Email: brian@erikson.net.nz

## Spreadsheets

Come and learn how to use Microsoft Excel.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours Fee: \$10  
Contact: John Bates ph: 5705468  
or Email: john.jean@xtra.co.nz

## Taking the Plunge

It is suggested that this course should be taken by every beginner.

3 Sessions of 2 Hours Fee: \$15  
Contact: Brian Erikson ph: 534 4798  
or Email: brian@erikson.net.nz

## Windows 10

An introduction to windows 10. Learn about the new features in this operating system.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours Fee: \$10  
Contact: Dick Harris ph: 576 9483  
or Email: rharris@ihug.co.nz

## Word Power

Learn how to Type up a document using Microsoft Office Word.

3 Sessions of 2 Hours Fee: \$15  
Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221  
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com