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Our next Meeting,
Friday 4th May
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 speaker will be Howickian, Andrew Holding, who has collaborated with other locals to develop a user-friendly online system for keeping estate details sorted and safe.

Andrew will discuss the potential of purpose-built, online software for estate information storage, security, accessibility and how the system works. Feedback and volunteers to trial the software will be welcomed.

The main speaker is Gavin Trethewey who will talk about the New Zealand Warbirds Association and their roll in preserving and displaying classic military aircraft.

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

MAY HELP DAYS

1.00 PM	Wednesday, 2 May
10:00 AM	Tuesday, 8 May
10:00 AM	Thursday, 17 May
1:00 PM	Wednesday, 23 May
10:00 AM	Tuesday, 29 May

Irish Blessing: May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door!

9 NEW MEMBERS



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Dennis Lowden
James Campbell
Brian Stocking
Sue Owen
Anne kirk
Sagar Ramawtar
Robert Walker
Lyn Stynes
Barbara Astill

Does my dog only bring back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?

Our guest speaker **Gavin Trethewey** will cover the New Zealand Warbirds Association and their role in preserving and displaying classic military aircraft. We will have seen a collection of their craft as part of the Anzac commemoration.

Our pre morning tea speaker Howickian, Andrew Holding will discuss the potential of purpose-built, online software for estate information storage, security, accessibility and how the system works. Feedback and volunteers to trial the software will be welcomed and with the approach of winter it may be a good time to gather your significant details into one place rather than stored in odd attic boxes or in the “grey matter”.

SeniorNet have a laptop to give away. Until recently its purpose was to record all membership details and ensure Emails, Newsletters, Course, Workshop and Help Day reminders got sent to the correct addresses as well as the conventional details such as recording the payment of membership. Its information is quite a vital cog in our smooth running and using a laptop lets us transfer the task to a stand-in when the Membership Secretary is away.

We purchased this Comaq V5000 about 12 years ago when it ran Windows XP. Of course its gone through many updates via Windows 8 and now Windows 10. Even though had its working memory doubled to keep up with the Windows changes it is now quite slow. The original power pack failed and has had a surplus Toshiba power pack to keep it going, Now the battery has packed up and overloads the power pack, but with the battery removed it still runs.

To top it all off, when I deleted all details of SeniorNet records and Applications the keyboard started giving strange results like 5 instead of U and 2 instead of K. So it's a little like the axe with 3 new hands and 2 new heads.

Now this gift comes with no warranty and it would only be of possible interest to a grandchild with an electronic bent who might like a challenge. If so first in can have it.

That raises the question of good battery management. Laptop, Smartphone or Electric car batteries deteriorate more quickly if they are permanently kept fully charged. So run you laptops, phones etc in a way that used at least 60% of the battery before recharging. If you forget to recharge you will get a reminder message to plug in and if it goes beyond that occasionally the device shuts down. Again it is preferable not to run in a permanent low charge state, say below 20%. I have tried my Electric car out to test what happens near the end of “170 Km range” and it promptly sets up a warning message to get recharged within 15Km which means either be near home or locate a public fast charge site.

Notes from April Meeting

Dawn Howarth

It has been another amazing month for new memberships – 15. We must be doing something right. Well done to Brian who takes the initial call, the tutors and Help Day helpers. I am sure this membership explosion is largely due to their efforts.

We then learnt about an amazing water jet printer – displayed as one of the Tasmanian MONA Museum's exhibitions. It was pretty impressive, along with the reflecting room. Brian went on to explain about batteries and the newest technology and where it could progress to in time. Maybe one day we will all have a little hydrocarbon producing plant in our home, and we will then turn on a tap to pour home-made natural fuel into our cars. That sounds too good to be true.

Our main speaker was Lee Chisholm from Netsafe. We heard how easy it is to be scammed. Last year Netsafe had reported to them scams that cost users over \$10million. In the first 3 months this year they have been advised of a further \$12.1million using hundreds of constantly changing and clever rorts by conmen and scammers. These included the **Lottery** scam, a **Romance** scam – these prey on people of all ages who are generally lonely. The scammer can groom you for months before asking for money for visas, tickets, hospital bills, etc. People can be scammed by those pretending to be from **Immigration** or **Justice** Department. You could receive a telephone call or email to say your **computer has been compromised** and you need to have it corrected. Another nasty one is the **Blackmail** scam.

You can sign up for the *Netsafe newsletter*, see netsafe.org.nz or email Lee at leec@netsafe.org.nz. **Use commonsense at all times, be aware and keep your clothes on.** Use strong phrases for passwords. Thank you Lee, for another interesting and very informative but scary talk.



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Last week we moved house and had a major down-size at the same time—not a pleasant experience. Anyway our landline phone didn't work, calls to our supplier didn't help, they told me to try Noel Leeming, \$42 and 2 trips to them later they couldn't help either. Then I rang our wonderful SeniorNet fix-it man, Rein van de Vusse, he was there an hour later and in 2 minutes all fixed—\$20. Fabulous. Of course within 10 minutes of his leaving I discovered I couldn't make the printer work, so it will be another call to Rein as soon as I can uncover the desk and printer and face the mess in my new office. This has become a storage place for dozens of big boxes which I will slowly have to send to the hospice shop. Oh yes, Noel Leeming told me they would send someone to fix the phone for \$145 !!

The value of a liberal education:

I called an old engineering friend and asked what he was doing.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed.

However on further inquiry, I learned he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision !!

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



May/June Courses, Workshops

Advanced Word Processing

Tutor/Organiser: **Maureen Keys**

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

Phone No: **271 5553**
Email: **keys@clear.net.nz**
Fee: **\$15.00**

Session Times

1:00 PM Monday, 14 May 2018

3 Sessions: 14/May, 21/May, 28/May, 2 hours each

Apple iPads & iPhones

Tutor/Organiser: **Dick Harris**

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

Phone No: **576 9483**
Email: **rharris2017@outlook.co.nz**
Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

1:00 PM Wednesday, 30 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

1:00 PM Wednesday, 27 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Come along and learn how to save your videos and files to a CD or DVD using a free download of Ashampoo software.

Phone No: **534 4798**
Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**
Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 7 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

Genealogy - Getting Started

Tutor/Organiser: **Graeme FitzGerald**

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

Phone No: **272 9271**
Email: **g.fitzg14@gmail.com**
Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Tuesday, 15 May 2018

2 Sessions: 15/May, 22/May, 2 hours each

Genealogy Research

Tutor/Organiser: **Graeme FitzGerald**

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

Phone No: **272 9271**
Email: **g.fitzg14@gmail.com**
Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 18 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

May/June Courses, Workshops, continued

Google Docs and Drive Popup

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

This Popup explores Google Docs and Google Drive. Docs is an easy to use application in which we write, insert and edit documents online.

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 6 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

Google Gmail

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

This Workshop explores Google's Gmail, Google Contacts and Google Drive.

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 2 May 2018

2 Sessions: 02/May, 09/May, 2 hours each

Help Session

Tutor/Organiser: **Michael Empson**

Bring your problems to a help session where one of your fellow SeniorNet members will help you. (NO BOOKING REQUIRED)
mempson@xtra.co.nz

Phone No: **535 8506**

Email:

Donation: **Gold Coin**

Session Times

1:00 PM Wednesday, 2 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 8 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Thursday, 17 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

1:00 PM Wednesday, 23 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 29 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 5 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 12 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

1:00 PM Wednesday, 20 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Thursday, 28 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

Laptop Basics

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

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

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 13 June 2018

1 session of 2 hours

MS Office Emails

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

Come along and learn all about Microsoft Office Emails

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 23 May 2018

2 Sessions: 23/May, 30/May, 2 hours each

May/June Courses, Workshops, continued

Power Point/Publisher Pop Up

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

A demonstration of Microsoft Power Point & Publisher

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 20 June 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**

Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

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

Phone No: **534 4798**

Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 28 May 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**

10:00 AM Monday, 25 June 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**

Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

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

Phone No: **534 4798**

Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 14 May 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**

10:00 AM Monday, 11 June 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**

Taking the Plunge

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

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

Phone No: **534 4798**

Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**

Fee: **\$15.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Thursday, 31 May 2018 **3 Sessions: 31/May, 07/Jun, 14/Jun, 2 hours each**

Windows 10

Tutor/Organiser: **Dick Harris**

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

Phone No: **576 9483**

Email: **rharris2017@outlook.co.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

1:00 PM Thursday, 31 May 2018 **2 Sessions: 31/May, 07/Jun, 2 hours each**

1:00 PM Thursday, 28 June 2018 **2 Sessions: 28/Jun, 05/Jul, 2 hours each**

Booking Information

- You need to be a member of SeniorNet to take part in our classes.
- If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- Note: We require you to pay a course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash or cheque to the first session.
- Our Courses are all held at our Learning Centre at **12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga**. Please park on the road as no parking is permitted on site.