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Our next Meeting,  
**Friday 6th July**  
at 10.00am

St Andrews Church Centre  
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent  
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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 Brian Erikson using the camera and associated apps on Android-based smartphones.

The main speakers will be will be members of St John's and the presentation is entitled "**St John's Today**". They will cover services in the community, frontline services, medical alarms and info on defibrillators and where to find them.

*Goodbye June...*



## **July HELP DAYS**

10:00 AM Tuesday, 3 July  
10:00 AM Tuesday, 10 July  
1:00 PM Thursday, 12 July  
1:00 PM Thursday, 19 July  
10:00 AM Friday, 27 July

## **10 NEW MEMBERS**



Paul Jensen  
Ashley Dunn  
Sue Rule  
John Faire  
Elsie Faire  
Russell Smith  
Glennis Davey  
Pamela Langley  
Leslie Grass  
Raewyn Bush

Technology keeps changing and to keep up we have purchased a new Samsung tablet for use in the Learning Centre. As a result we have for sale a first generation Samsung Tab A 10 in good order, it just doesn't do many of the actions expected of the latest equipment. If you are interested in making an offer please contact Brian and discuss.

That led me to think about technology changes in computing. In 1969 I went back to University for further study, this time it was Canterbury. Postgrad students had access to the Electrical Engineering department's new digital computer housed in its own room and supplied with a permanent maintenance technician. It had 16Kbyte of memory (meaning it could store about 16,000 keyboard characters), a teletypewriter to input and receive output and all programming was recorded on punched paper tapes about 2cm wide due to the lack of memory. One postgrad student figured out how to create a basic green screen monitor. Programming was both a mental and physical challenge to get both the program logic correct and the paper tape punch to clearly punch all the holes. Each character of the program was coded as a transvers row of 8 holes, each hole being a bit and the row of 8 a byte (hence the data terms bits and bytes). Debugging a program offline required good eyesight to check that the holes were punched clearly over about 50 metres of tape, and occasionally to paste over a hole and manually re-punch the row of 8. Its possible that my first child was one of the original digital natives as I would "babysit" him in the computer room as he learned to crawl chasing lengths of punched paper tape as it zoomed through the tape reader and onto the floor.

1969 was also the year of the 1<sup>st</sup> moon landing and that was achieved with on-board computers about as advanced as those we used at Canterbury. I can still remember looking at a clear view of the moon during that trip and realising with amazement that there were people up there.

So 49 years later we have a superseded tablet that just about fits in your pocket and is vastly more advanced than those on the moon shot.

## **Notes from June Meeting**

**Dawn Howarth**

Brian welcomed 11 new members this month. He reminded us that **Help** days are listed on our website along with the courses and dates for the next 2-3 months.

Jim brought us up to date with Google and Gmail changes, Google Keep Notes and 2-step verification. See Tony's review on the following page.

We had a big turnout of members this month. I think Rein is the reason for that. He gave an excellent talk with lots of wise suggestions. You can see his Powerpoint presentation on our website if you want to follow up on any of it — providing of course, that you haven't taken his AirBnB advice and gone travelling.

Our lucky flash drive winner was Pat O'Laughlin.

Thank you committee and presenters for yet another excellent meeting.

Oh it is nice having someone volunteer to write about last month's speakers. Now I can spend more time looking for funnies for you to read.

I love Brian's example of technology progress above. I can't believe our computers at that time were so primitive, especially for such a feat. I worked in the computer department of AirNZ and received a brand new *manual typewriter* in 1976. When I left in 1997 I don't think the internet had been invented !!!

*"Eat your food as your medicines, otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."*

**Our Initial speaker** was the inimitable **Jim Currie** talking to us about Windows 10. He encouraged us and exhorted us to embrace Windows 10 and all their regular updates including security updates that come to those who indulge, automatically. Some updates can take a particularly long time, so don't be in a hurry. If you think that the computer has shut down, it is still working. Jim says "Be patient!"

He outlined some of the Windows10 features to those of us who are reluctant to venture into the mysteries that lie beyond the small familiar paths we currently use including the new **Task view** which gives you a review of your past activity, **Windows Clipboard** and Jim discussed **Two step verification** or authentication. This gives an extra layer of security for payments etc. But beware travelling overseas and make the necessary arrangements. (Apple iCloud also has the 2 step verification using a 6 letter code.) **Google G Mail** changes, included Settings wheel and Left Hand side of screen buttons instead of labels (folders). There are no Contacts, you now have to open in Contacts. **Google Keep**. This is a useful Google facility for using Notes.

Our **Main Speaker** was **Rein van de Vusse** with his talk called "*A Mixed Bag of Computer Bits*". I envisaged Nuts, Screws, Washers and Bolts, but no, it was full of useful information.

Rein seems to be a guardian angel for many members when he comes to their homes to sort out the glitches. His short video of a professional at work was very clever. Looks like we all need a Linda when all else fails.

Rein outlined the two main problems he is called on to fix: computers that appear to stop working after an update and email (particularly gmail) not working. He confirmed we must accept updates, going as far as to say they really are mandatory and reinforced Jim's earlier patience recommendation. Updates can take hours and switching your computer off only makes it take much longer.

**G Mail**; Rein explained about allowing the option to receive Other mail as well if you are also using alternative email systems as well as Gmail. You should select to allow other emails or you can block your system from receiving all emails.

**AirBnB**. Rein gave us very good examples of the use of **AirBnb** for travel overseas and in New Zealand. The pleasure that he had when meeting hosts and other travellers was a very rewarding addition to his travelling.

**Dark Patterns!** Finally, Rein talked about these computer traps. These are the dreaded internet scams, phishing and entrapment by three various methods. It was disappointing to not be advised how one gets rid of such entrapments when your email address is sold commercially and you are continuously bombarded with commercials on your email.

Rein comments on three patterns:

**Bait & Switch** . A free product is offered but you are told "No longer available" and offer you alternative at a cost. Naughty!

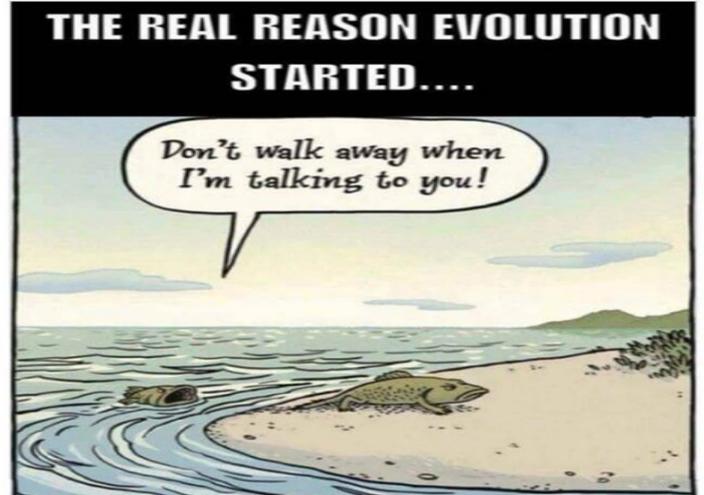
**A Forced Disclosure**: A free or low priced product is offered but they ask you for sensitive information which they then sell on and you get inundated with commercials – see above!

**Roach Motel**: They offer a situation that is easy to get into, but very difficult to get out of. Simple UNSUBSCRIBE just doesn't work. They have you trapped, it seems. I know that I am! All I do is continuously send to Junk mail and Block sender. Sometimes 5 to 6 in a day. Changing our email address seems an awful answer.

# Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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**THE OLDER YOU GET  
THE MORE YOU APPRECIATE  
BEING AT HOME DOING  
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.**

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.



## *The Road Trip...*

*While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant, and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes.*



*By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grumpy old man.*



*He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled out to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card".*



*This coming week is National Senior Mental Health Week. Do YOUR part by remembering to contact at least one unstable Senior to show you care.*

# JULY/AUGUST Courses, Workshops

## ***Apple iPads & iPhones***

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

Tutor/Organiser: **Dick Harris**

Phone No: **576 9483**

Email: **ipads@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

**1:00 PM Wednesday, 25 July 2018**                      **1 session of 2 hours**

**1:00 PM Wednesday, 29 August 2018**                      **1 session of 2 hours**

## ***CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives***

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

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Phone No: **534 4798**

Email: **cdflashdrives@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

**10:00 AM Monday, 23 July 2018**                      **1 session of 2 hours**

## ***Emails - Outlook, Windows Mail***

Come along and learn all about Microsoft Office Emails

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **emails@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

### Session Times

**9:30 AM Wednesday, 4 July 2018**                      **2 Sessions: 04/Jul, 11/Jul, 2 hours each**

## ***Genealogy - Getting Started***

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

Tutor/Organiser: **Graeme FitzGerald**

Phone No: **272 9271**

Email: **genealogy@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

### Session Times

**10:00 AM Tuesday, 17 July 2018**                      **2 Sessions: 17/Jul, 24/Jul, 2 hours each**

## ***Genealogy Research***

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

Tutor/Organiser: **Graeme FitzGerald**

Phone No: **272 9271**

Email: **research@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

**10:00 AM Tuesday, 14 August 2018**                      **1 session of 2 hours**

# JULY/AUGUST 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: **emails@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

**9:30 AM Wednesday, 18 July 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: **emails@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

**9:30 AM Wednesday, 8 August 2018**      **1 session of 2 hours**

## **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)

Phone No: **535 8506**  
Email: **help@senpak.nz**

Donation: **Gold Coin**

### Session Times

<b>10:00 AM Tuesday, 3 July 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>10:00 AM Tuesday, 10 July 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>1:00 PM Thursday, 12 July 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>1:00 PM Thursday, 19 July 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>10:00 AM Friday, 27 July 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>10:00 AM Tuesday, 7 August 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>1:00 PM Thursday, 16 August 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>10:00 AM Tuesday, 21 August 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>10:00 AM Tuesday, 28 August 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>

## **Picasa (Digital Photography.)**

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Learn how to Transfer images from camera to computer then Edit, add text, and make a slide show, plus more.

Phone No: **5344798**  
Email: **picasa@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

### Session Times

**10:00 AM Thursday, 2 August 2018**      **2 Sessions: 02/Aug, 06/Aug, 2 hours each**

## **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: **smartphones@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

<b>10:00 AM Monday, 16 July 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>
<b>10:00 AM Monday, 13 August 2018</b>	<b>1 session of 2 hours</b>

# JULY/AUGUST Courses, Workshops, continued

## **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: **smartphones@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

### Session Times

**10:00 AM Monday, 9 July 2018**

**1 session of 2 hours**

**10:00 AM Monday, 30 July 2018**

**1 session of 2 hours**

**10:00 AM Monday, 20 August 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: **ttp@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$15.00**

### Session Times

**10:00 AM Thursday, 5 July 2018**

**3 Sessions: 05/Jul, 12/Jul, 19/Jul, 2 hours each**

**10:00 AM Thursday, 9 August 2018**

**3 Sessions: 09/Aug, 16/Aug, 23/Aug, 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: **windows10@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

### Session Times

**1:00 PM Thursday, 26 July 2018**

**2 Sessions: 26/Jul, 02/Aug, 2 hours each**

**1:00 PM Thursday, 30 August 2018**

**2 Sessions: 30/Aug, 06/Sep, 2 hours each**

## **Word Power**

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

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

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **wordpower@senpak.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

### Session Times

**9:30 AM Wednesday, 15 August 2018**

**2 Sessions: 15/Aug, 22/Aug, 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.