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Our next Meeting,
Friday 7th Sept

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 Tony Haack telling us "How to find your lost phone".

The main speaker for September will be Terri Marchant. Terri is from the Tamaki Estuary Protection Society. Her presentation will be "The Tamaki Estuary – a wonderful but rather dirty waterway on our backdoor". She will discuss, among other things, the work done recently on the waterway and the wildlife on the river.



**September
HELP
DAYS**

10am	Mon	3 Sept
1pm	Wed	12 Sept
10am	Wed	19 Sept
10am	Tues	25 Sept



6 NEW MEMBERS

Brian Armstrong
Neil Armstrong
David Stone
Christopher Nixon
Cherry Ginn
Barrie Eccles

Its approaching the October AGM where we will report on the past year and elect a committee for the year ahead. Our status and rules as a Registered Charity specify having a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus general committee membership. If we don't fulfil the rules we can't function effectively.

It's healthy to see rotation in and out of a committee and this year we are seeking at least three additional nominations. I have spoken to a number of members about this possibility but I find that those people have committed themselves to other volunteer roles in our club or the community. So this is a serious request for those I don't know so well, to consider the possibility of joining our committee. As one recent member commented "its the most fun committee I've been on". It need not require technical knowledge - we have the technical support groups for that.

I welcome interested members to make contact with me. See my phone and email details on page 4 of this newsletter.

At a recent tutor meeting to plan the course timetable through to December we welcomed three new prospective assistant tutors and reviewed a number of courses that have had limited attendance. Some of these will be removed from the timetable in order to concentrate the tutors towards those courses in high demand. Those removed courses will remain on our list but will only be scheduled when there is sufficient demand.

The newsletter has details of courses in both these categories and the unique email address for each so that you can make enquiries. We will continue to send you reminder emails about a week ahead for those courses which are on the timetable.

An initiative from SeniorNet Federation looks likely to assist in this matter and to encourage more tutors. There is a plan to run seminars on the web "webinars" using our Learning Centre equipment but the tutor can be at another SeniorNet altogether, ie Invercargill. The product they are looking at, "Zoom", enables live interactive instruction. At our Learning Centre we would have someone to set up and oversee the session with you.

Notes from August Meeting

Dawn Howarth

Another excellent meeting - I believe there were over 140 members and visitors there - a full house and an overfull carpark. Wish we could do that every month. I tried to help Robyn at her reception desk and to my knowledge 4 new people joined SeniorNet that morning.

Another rare occurrence—the first lucky number for the flash drive drawn was Sue Rule who was there to collect. Well done Sue.

Jim's talk on shortcuts was great. Shortcuts can make using your laptops/computers so much easier. I use a lot of Control shortcuts but didn't know about the Windows key shortcuts. It is good for our brains to learn and use these. Maybe Smartphones make our brains lazy, but we can beat that by continually learning. Webinars and YouTube are excellent places to find instructions on anything you want to learn.

We also were able to enjoy Grant Sidaway's entertaining and enlightening talk. Smartphones don't seem to have dimmed his brain. The Wellington parking app sounded excellent—once you find a carpark. The Virtual Reality 'goggles' looked like great fun. You could probably travel around the world with those and not leave home.

Important: Remember to check when doing any financial transactions on your computer or phones, that you are using a secure site — 'https' - the 's' is for secure.

We hope to see you all at next month's meeting and in the meantime, enjoy using your computers and learning heaps.

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

To err is human - and to blame it on a computer is even more so.



Last Month, They said what ?

Jim Currie gave our early talk on Keyboards and Shortcuts.

Did you know that our current Qwerty keyboard layout was first invented with a patent by Sholes & Glidden in 1868 and has hardly changed since then with the exception of a few add-ons that are pertinent to Smart phones and touch screens.

As Jim says, the major shortcut buttons are all set up for little finger use that women are more adept at using than men. The early typewriters were set up for left hand users, hence the use of the left hand to move the old carriages on the typewriters of those days.

To find out which shortcut keys are which, search online for Shortcut keys or Windows shortcut keys.

Jim referred to the use of hyperlink when sending a reference article by email to another person. This saves sending a whole article that you may have downloaded.

Main Speaker: Grant Sidaway. The popularity of Grant as a speaker was evidenced by the large number of cars that turned up in the car park and the fullness of the members for morning tea in the “chat room” as President Brian called it.

Grant’s presentation each year is always very good. A good description could be “informative, entertaining, great humour that he weaves around his family, interesting and knowledgeable. Thanks Grant!

Space prevents us writing about all the subjects covered. Here are some of the major topics for you.

Internet. The purpose of the internet has changed since its inception to mainly social and entertainment now.

His scariest possibility now? That the 2019 Rugby World Cup is going to be mainstreamed, not broadcast direct on TV. Most testosterone filled Kiwi blokes are currently unable to work out how to mainstream through their phones. So, what will they do and how will they react? Frustrated males?

Users. There are currently 4 billion mobile or Smart phone users in the world for 2018.

3.196 billion social media users (up 13% year by year)

5.135 billion mobile phone users in 2018 – (up 4% year by year)

There is a big move from landline to mobile phone users (does this make copper lines obsolete?)

Amazon, some facts They have 606 million products in their range.
They add 1.3 million products to their range each day!
The sell 600 items per second!

Internet Storage Costs In 1981, 1 gigabyte cost \$300,000.00
In 1997, 1 gigabyte cost \$100.00
In 2017, 1 gigabyte cost \$0.05 cents

Intelligence? Unfortunately, research has advised that “Smart” phones can make you less intelligent, more accessible 24/7 by everyone (including your employer), not better in maths and reasoning and users can become sluggish.

But, Smartphones can make your life easier by making available all sorts of information eg – recipes, bookings, quick information access, how to, weather, tourists, petrol station access and prices, transport timetables and so on and so on!

Google is the easiest for searches for 2017, - mostly for entertainment and is the automatic “go to” for most people.

WhatsApp! Services all devices (Apple, Android, Windows) for free, anywhere in the world. An excellent and safe App for staying in contact when travelling around the world.

Virtual Reality. This item provides one of the best buys and development in the entertainment industry.

A starter price for the headset is from \$35.00 upwards depending on quality, surround sound etc. It gives 3D sound and a great visual experience. It is geared for your smart phone. No batteries needed. Just fit on, start up your phone and hang on! Grant’s experience with his son’s virtual car had him fall off a static chair.

Voice activation. A coming reality giving commands to your phone for household action eg aircons. 60% of people began using voice activation last year. My wife is now dictating to her Apple computer now instead of typing. Disconcerting to hear her talking away to herself in the next room. She is dictating to a computer!

Some I Phone Apps: Gasp for local petrol prices. **Zoo** for more phone advances than Skype.



By Tony Kendall

Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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A Well Run Business

Me: I was doing an overnight at a hotel away from home. I took my computer down to the bar to do some data entries. I sat down at the bar and I asked the bartender, 'What's the wifi password?'

Bartender: 'You need to buy a drink first.'

Me: 'Okay, I'll have a beer.'

Bartender: 'We have Speights on tap'

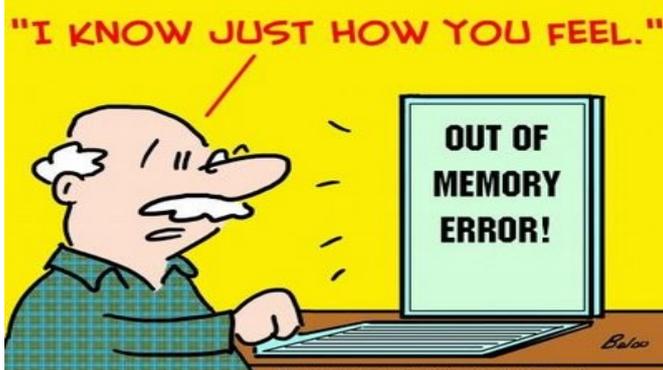
Me: 'Sure. How much is that?'

Bartender: '\$8.00.'

Me: 'Here you are. OK now, what's the wifi password?'

Bartender: "youneedtobuyadrinkfirst",
No spaces and all lowercase.'

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



August/Sept Courses, Workshops

Advanced Word Processing Course

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: advancedword@senpak.nz

Next Course: 01:00 PM on 10/Sep, 17/Sep, 24/Sep

Apple iPads & iPhones Course

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: ipads@senpak.nz

Next Course: 01:00 PM on 26/Sep

CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives Course

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

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Brian Erikson ph: 534 4798
or Email: cdflashdrives@senpak.nz

Contact Brian Erikson for next course date

Emails - Outlook, Windows Mail & Live Mail Courses

Come along and learn all about Microsoft Office Emails

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221
or Email: emails@senpak.nz

Contact Jim Currie for next course date

Genealogy - Getting Started Course

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

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Graeme FitzGerald ph: 272 9271
or Email: genealogy@senpak.nz

Next Course: 10:00 AM on 04/Sep, 11/Sep

Genealogy Research PopUp

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: research@senpak.nz

Next Course: 10:00 AM on 11/Oct

August/September Courses, Workshops, continued

Google Docs and Drive Popup Workshops

This Popup explores Google Docs and Google Drive.

Docs is an easy to use application in which we write, insert and edit documents online.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221

or Email: emails@senpak.nz

Contact Jim Currie for next course date

Google Gmail Popup

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

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Brian Erikson ph: 534 4798

or Email: brian@erikson.net.nz

Next Course: 10:00 AM on 24/Sep

Help Session

Bring your problems to a help session where one of your fellow SeniorNet members will help you.

(NO BOOKING REQUIRED)

1 Session of 2 Hours

Donation: Gold coin

Contact: Michael Empson ph: 535 8506

or Email: help@senpak.nz

See Page 1 of the Newsletter for Session Times

Laptop Basics Workshop

What to look for when buying a Laptop. 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: laptops@senpak.nz

Contact Jim Currie for next course date

Microsoft Surface Tablets Workshop

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

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221

or Email: surfacetables@senpak.nz

Contact Jim Currie for next course date

Picasa (Digital Photography.) Course

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

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Brian Erikson ph: 5344798

or Email: picasa@senpak.nz

Next Course: 10:00 AM on 06/Dec, 13/Dec

August/September Courses, Workshops, continued

Tips & Tricks Popup Workshops

This Popup will include some of those things that we all know but need reminding about and some of those that we do not know and wonder why we never thought of them.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Dick Harris ph: 576 9483
or Email: windows10@senpak.nz

Contact Dick Harris for next course date

Window 10 Photos Optional Courses

This course shows you how to use the tools built into Windows 10 to - organise and browse your photos, enhance your photos and create a slide show. A full set of notes will be available.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

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

Contact Graeme FitzGerald for next course date

Windows 10 Course

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: windows10@senpak.nz

Next Course: 01:00 PM on 27/Sep, 04/Oct

Word Power Course

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

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221
or Email: wordpower@senpak.nz

Contact Jim Currie for next course date

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.

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