

**JULY 2017**

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## JULY **HELP** DAYS

4 July	Tues	10am
11 July	Tues	10am
18 July	Tues	10am
25 July	Tues	10am



**NEW MEMBERS**

**Linda Allingham**  
**Linda FitzGerald**

Our next Meeting,  
**Friday 7th JULY**  
at 10.00am

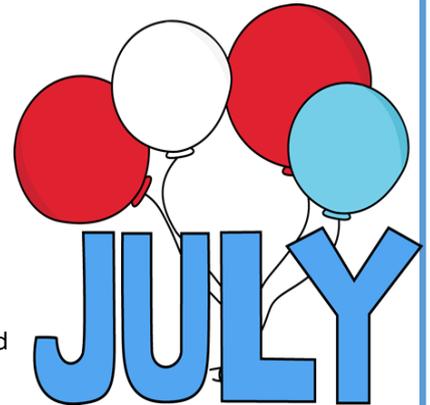
St Andrews Church Centre  
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St  
The main entrance is in Vincent Street  
with parking in the grounds and disabled  
parking near the basement entrance.

*Visitors welcome*

The early speaker will be Dick Harris  
demonstrating our new website —  
*this time everything will work perfectly*

The main speaker will be **Vikas Vij** from  
Noel Leeming. His presentation is titled "**All you want to  
know about Smart TVs**" and if time permits he will  
*discuss other devices too.*

*A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months*



Look what I have found - a memento of Precious McKenzie's visit. *Sorry I am a month late publishing it.*

**The best thing to do behind someone's back is to pat it.**

## **The Way Forward for the SeniorNet Federation**

My Chair report this month focuses on the Federation Management Committee's report prepared by consultants who were externally funded. I have extracted the pertinent points of the report which will fully impact us from early 2018. You can view the full report as a link in the April Federation Gizmoe available under Notices on our new website [www.senpak.nz](http://www.senpak.nz).

### **Historically**

- The Federation formed in 2007 and most independent SeniorNet Learning Centres, registered as Charities by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, joined the Federation informally with the payment of an annual fee of \$1.00 per member.
- The Federation raised significant funds from the Adult Education division of TEC (\$3.76m) as well as sponsorship and other sources (\$1.64m) between 2007 and 2015.
- This paid for the running of the Federation Office and staff as well as the distribution of student hours based grants to each of the Learning Centres. This distribution represented up to 30% of the income for some Centres.
- The Adult Education funding stopped at the end of 2015.

### **Present**

- The Federation Office has been maintained but training grants reduced to about one third of the past values using residual funds.
- Member capitation fee raised to \$3.00.
- The reserves are dwindling and Federation cannot continue on this basis.

### **Future Proposal — Consultant Findings**

- Significant funding increases from industry or government is not sustainable.
- A survey of Learning Centres showed some flexibility towards higher member capitation fees.
- Learning Centres value the Federation but look to it to provide more value in the future.
- Learning Centres are independent and stand alone with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.
- Learning Centres use the name SeniorNet as part of their Incorporated identity but the Trade Mark is held by the Federation.

### **Proposal**

- Membership of the Federation will be a formal contract from Jan 2018
- The Federation staff to become part time
- Learning Centres to combine for presentations and visits from Federation staff to reduce travel costs and time involved.
- The Federation must continue to achieve at least \$217K per annum income from sponsorship.
- Raise member capitation fee to \$5.00
- Learning Centres are required to have at least one delegate at the Annual Meeting
- Learning Centres will be required to achieve set course topics and standards
- Learning Centres will be required to hold at least one open day each year.
- Learning Centres will be encouraged to collaborate on a range of activities to enhance training, development of tutors and the understanding of emerging technologies.
- Federation staff will engage in nationwide publicity to increase membership.

. . . Chairman's Report continued

### For SeniorNet Pakuranga this means:

- **Capitation Cost** - Assuming 275 members at the "count date", \$275 past years, \$825 this year and \$1375 next year. As our membership grows this cost increases.
- **AGM Delegate support cost** - Location dependent, say \$300 p.a.
- **Student Hours Grants** - This peaked at about \$3000 in past years and will probably be \$1200 this year. It is variable because the Federation has a fixed amount but the training hours claimed by different Learning Centres does vary. For instance we have found the response to email reminders about pending training has filled many of our courses. We cannot assume it will increase and currently there is no commitment to maintain it at this level.
- **Our Membership Fee** - This has been reviewed and the committee has approved the continuation of the annual fee at \$30.00 for the coming renewal cycle which will commence in July.

*Feedback is welcome and we will keep you posted on any developments*

### Notes from May Meeting

Dawn Howarth

Brian opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and introducing new member, Linda Allingham. This was followed by Jim Currie demonstrating some of the features of his preferred web browser, Edge. We saw a Powerpoint presentation showing features of Edge and Jim later went on to demonstrate some of these features for us. It is simple to add a Favourites bar to run at the top of your screen then to access any favourites in moments. Jim also highlighted a few of his favourite sites although he was reluctant to demonstrate his banking website !!

Brian then advised that the committee had applied to the Howick Local Board of Auckland City Council for funding to upgrade the furniture in the Learning Centre. The Council advised as we had already upgraded and paid for it, we obviously didn't need the funds. At the same time we applied to Foundation North for funds to purchase a 55" smart TV for the Learning Centre. Brian was pleased to advise that this morning a letter had been received confirming funding of \$2600 was available for us to buy a Panasonic TV which was sourced at a very reduced price. It will now be possible to include courses on the operation of your own smart TV as well as use the TV in other classes where a screen is required.

Just before coffee time, Brian drew 5-6 names for a winner but none of those people were present. Better luck next month.

#### ***Who will change the light bulb with I am old? –***

This was an excellent presentation given by Bonnie Robinson, CEO of HBH Senior Living.

Bonnie outlined the importance of having a safe secure and stable home. Without these critical things life becomes really hard.



Bonnie Robinson and Brian Erikson

We heard too many points to list them here. As your editor is going through this traumatic experience right now, I took notes galore and have made a full report which is on our website under the Notices heading, along with Bonnie's Powerpoint presentation.

Thank you guys for another great meeting.

**Those who get too big for their britches will be totally exposed in the end.**



A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

## COMMITTEE

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## Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

### WE NEED HELP

*If you have even a little expertise in a computer program and would like to become an Assistant Tutor, (a non-speaking role) contact Brian Erikson and discuss it with him -please. We really need help in the training centre.*

*We also really need help locating speakers for our meeting each month. Please talk to Merv Coward or anyone on the committee if you can recommend a speaker or help in this direction.*

**A speaker who doesn't strike oil in the first five minutes should immediately stop boring.**

*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.*

*Teacher: "Johnny, if you had five chocolates and Henry asked for two, how many would you have left?"  
Johnny: "Five."*



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The banner features a red background. On the left, there is an image of two black Panasonic cordless phones. A yellow circle with black text says "Free Panasonic twin cordless phone". To the right of the phones, white text reads: "Pay less with our best value home phone bundle with 20GB of internet data for only \$39.99 per month". Below this, smaller white text says "Available on a 12 month term" and "Includes free calls to national landlines ^". At the bottom left of the banner, white text says "Call 0800 533 018" and "See [vodafone.co.nz/seniors](http://vodafone.co.nz/seniors) for terms". A small Vodafone logo is in the bottom right corner of the banner.

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021 702 229 or email him at [jordan.bennett@digitalmobile.co.nz](mailto:jordan.bennett@digitalmobile.co.nz)**

# JULY–AUGUST Courses, Workshops

DATE	TIME	COURSE	CLASS DATES
04 Jul Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	04/Jul
07 Jul Fri	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	07 Jul
10 Jul Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	10/Jul
11 Jul Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	11/Jul
17 Jul Mon	10:00 AM	Genealogy - Getting Started	17/Jul, 24/Jul
18 Jul Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	18/Jul
20 Jul Thu	1:00 PM	Spreadsheets	20/Jul, 27/Jul
25 Jul Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	25/Jul
26 Jul Wed	1:00 PM	Apple iPads & iPhones	26/Jul
27 Jul Thu	10:00 AM	CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives	27/Jul
28 Jul Fri	1:00 PM	Windows 10	28/Jul, 03/Aug
31 Jul Mon	10:00 AM	Picasa (Digital Photography)	31/Jul, 14/Aug
01 Aug Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	01/Aug
03 Aug Thu	10:00 AM	Taking the Plunge	03/Aug, 10/Aug, 17/Aug
04 Aug Fri	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	04 Aug
07 Aug Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	07/Aug
08 Aug Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	08/Aug
14 Aug Mon	1:00 PM	Laptop/Notebook Basics	14/Aug
16 Aug Wed	9:30 AM	Email	16/Aug, 23/Aug
21 Aug Mon	10:00 AM	Help Session	21/Aug
29 Aug Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	29/Aug
30 Aug Wed	1:00 PM	Apple iPads & iPhones	30/Aug
31 Aug Thu	1:00 PM	Windows 10	31/Aug, 07/Sep
31 Aug Thu	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)	31/Aug

♦ **To attend any courses, please telephone or email the tutor and make a booking.**

- ♦ 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 also wear your name badge on the course (or to any SeniorNet meeting). This is a helpful and friendly courtesy to others.
- ♦ You must park on the road when attending the Learning Centre — **No parking is permitted on site.**
- ♦ See all course information on following pages or on our SeniorNet website - [senpak.nz](http://senpak.nz).

# 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/Notebook 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

## **Skype to Stay In Touch**

Learn how to video call friends and relatives around the world for 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