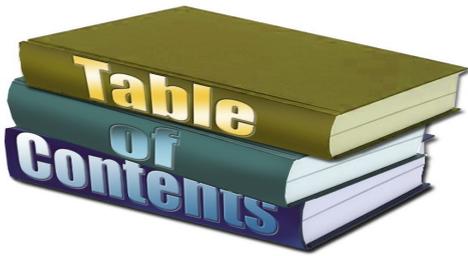


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Our next Meeting,  
**Friday 1st SEPTEMBER**  
at 10.00am

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*

This is a meeting of many gems!  
Demonstrating :

- \* How Publisher can assist in creating a polished newsletter
- \* Windows 10 and the recent Creator Update
- \* Ripping a CD and producing music files in a number of different formats
- \* Managing and Sorting large lists in Excel
- \* Using You Tube as a video source
- \* Using the Windows 10 Magnifying Tool
- \* What's App as a Smartphone communications App
- \* Genealogy — Research

**SEPTEMBER  
HELP  
DAYS**

Wed 06 Sept 10am  
Tue 12 Sept 10am  
Wed 20 Sept 10am  
Fri 29 Sept 10am



**WELCOME  
13 NEW MEMBERS**

Ray Lewis	Roger Munns	Moya Nixon
June Lamborn	Joan Munns	Paula Davis
Val Sugrue	Kelvin Harris	Anita Chan
Chris Finley	Jan Francevic	Jonathan Chan
	Michael Helean	

Des Riach passed away recently. Des had No 3 and was founding member of SeniorNet Pakuranga. He held a number of committee positions and maintained an active involvement until earlier this year. We have made further mention of Des on page 3 of this newsletter.

Time progresses apace and it seems only a brief while ago that the AGM for 2016 was being organised. Of course the same preparations are in hand again and you will find attachments to this newsletter that will enable **nominations to be made for committee positions**. All positions are open and we have a minimum two vacancies that require candidates one of which is Secretary. These nominations are to be sent to the Secretary, Jim Currie, at least 10 days before the AGM which is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The other AGM matter is that of **Notice of Motion**. Any two members can submit a seconded Notice of Motion to Jim Currie no later than 21 days before the AGM.

We have been fortunate to have Grant Sidaway, from SeniorNet Federation, accept the speaking role following the AGM. This time he will cover 3D printing and Virtual Reality. As a cost saving endeavour we have invited the committees of SeniorNets this side of the harbour bridge to attend and share Grant's presentation.

## Notes from August Meeting

## Dawn Howarth

Brian welcomed visitors and advised that we had 5 new members. He then told us about fully electric cars (not hybrids which run on electric and petrol) and their pros and cons. Major pros included quietness, smoothness of the ride, and economy - 5c per km as against 12c for a similar combustion engine. Major points against EV's (electric vehicles) is the distance they can travel on a full charge, (200km) and the time they take to recharge, up to 11 hours. If you want to travel longer distances it would be necessary to use an alternative car.

Amazingly the first electric car was built in 1832. Volvo have announced they will only be producing electric cars in the future; Audi and Mercedes intend to compete in Formula E racing in future rather than Formula 1.

Brian had tried the Nissan Leaf EV hatchback which had 48 lithium batteries fitted to create the frame of the car onto which the rear wheels were fitted. No back axle. The batteries had a life of about 10 years although they could be recycled or used at home as a power saving device. Over 250,000 EV cars produced by Nissan and only 9 had been returned faulty – partly due to regular combustion cars have approx. 2,500 moving parts whereas EV's have only 150.

You can learn more about these vehicles at [ev-talk.co.nz/nz-evs](http://ev-talk.co.nz/nz-evs), you can also get apps for your phone showing charging stations, and other helpful information.

After coffee and chat we were introduced to Mr Chris Smith from Pakuranga College, who in turn introduced Carl, James, Justin, Keane and Keegan, senior IT students who gave a presentation on Robots. They described how they were given a task by their teacher, they would work out on paper how best to provide a solution, then they would write a program, create parts by making their own circuit boards, using a 3D printer would make parts, and test their theory. They would modify and persevere until they solved any problems and

presented their teacher with a completed project. They pointed out that robots aren't human-shaped beings that we see in science fiction movies. Even the self-service counter at the supermarket is a robot which reads each item you purchase, prints a list and the price, gives you the total you much pay, accepts your cash or credit card then issues you a receipt. The relatively new invention of drones with cameras attached has proved a huge boon to all sorts of industries and these too are robots. There are also of course, thousands used in industry to automate assembly lines and carry out repetitive jobs. Although some people have been made redundant through robotics, more people are necessary to invent systems, design, write the programs and build and run the robots.

The boys loved their IT studies and derived huge satisfaction from their successes. They had learned coding, created the school website, created a robot which could write 'poetry' and had invented dozens of games with various skill levels for each game. Most of this is done using HDMI and Javascript programming languages.

We heard how they could also learn via **YouTube** – where over 5 billion videos are watched every day. One lad told us he learned to solve the rubic cube puzzle in 10 minutes from a **YouTube** video – with a few hours practice he could complete the puzzle in minutes. You can learn anything on **YouTube** far faster than you can by going to a library, find a book, read the book and the put those instructions into practice. We were reminded how big rooms were to take one computer 40 years ago, now we can carry in a smartphone, a computer far greater than the people of 50 years ago could ever have imagined. What exciting developments do the next 50 years hold – we have driverless cars already. **Well done lads, it was an excellent and enlightening presentation that we all enjoyed.** Brian closed the meeting giving the boys a flash drive each and drew Marilyn Gordon as the lucky winner this month.



## For Your Info

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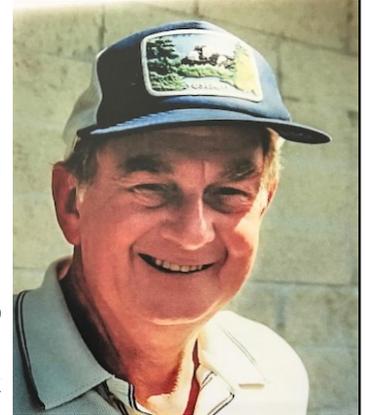
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#### Newsletter Editor

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Sadly we lost a stalwart foundation member of SeniorNet Pakuranga, when **Des Riach**, Member No. 3, passed away on 10 August aged 86. Des, was our first Treasurer and held many committee positions, working hard to get our club started for which we genuinely thank him. Des was also a member of the SeniorMac and the Howick Golf Club. We extend our most sincere condolences to Lee and family.



### Watch the Eclipse on 21 August

A total solar eclipse on August 21 will be the first time in 99 years that one will traverse the US from coast to coast. Want to be there? Look no further than your web browser or smartphone. Two free smartphone/tablet apps stand out: Eclipse Safari and Smithsonian Eclipse 2017. Both are available for Android and iOS.

### PARKING AT LEARNING CENTRE

Roadworks may be carried out on Belmond Crescent over coming weeks and parked cars could be towed. Cascade Storage has given members permission to **parallel park along the fence to the left of the gate** as you drive into their driveway. We will notify you when this privilege ceases and we must again park on the road.

### OF COURSE WE STILL 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) please contact Brian and discuss it with him. We really need help in the training centre.*

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

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.



# SEPT/OCTOBER Courses, Workshops

DATE	TIME	COURSE	CLASS DATES
<b>01 Sep Fri</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>01 Sep</b>
04 Sep Mon	9:30 AM	Word Power	04/Sep, 11/Sep, 18/Sep
04 Sep Mon	1:00 PM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	04/Sep
<b>06 Sep Wed</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>06/Sep</b>
07 Sep Thu	10:00 AM	Taking the Plunge	07/Sep, 14/Sep, 21/Sep
<b>12 Sep Tue</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>12/Sep</b>
<b>20 Sep Wed</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>20/Sep</b>
25 Sep Mon	1:00 PM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)	25/Sep
27 Sep Wed	1:00 PM	Apple iPads & iPhones	27/Sep
28 Sep Thu	10:00 AM	CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives	28/Sep
28 Sep Thu	1:00 PM	Windows 10	28/Sep, 05/Oct
<b>29 Sep Fri</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>29/Sep</b>
04 Oct Wed	9:30 AM	Email	04/Oct, 11/Oct
<b>06 Oct Fri</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>06/Oct</b>
<b>06 Oct Fri</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>06 Oct</b>
09 Oct Mon	1:00 PM	Advanced Word Processing	09/Oct, 16/Oct, 30/Oct
<b>10 Oct Tue</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>10/Oct</b>
12 Oct Thu	9:30 AM	Laptop Basics	12/Oct
16 Oct Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	16/Oct, 16/Oct
17 Oct Tue	10:00 AM	Genealogy - Getting Started	17/Oct, 24/Oct
<b>18 Oct Wed</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>18/Oct</b>
19 Oct Thu	10:00 AM	Taking the Plunge	19/Oct, 26/Oct, 02/Nov
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26 Oct Thu	1:00 PM	Windows 10	26/Oct, 02/Nov
30 Oct Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)	30/Oct
<b>31 Oct Tue</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Help Session</b>	<b>31/Oct</b>

◆ **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 (and to any SeniorNet meeting).

This is a helpful and friendly courtesy to others.

◆ **If road works are being carried out parallel park along the fence line to the left of the gate.**

# 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: keysm@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 Curie 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

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

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

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**Nomination for Election of officers and Committee**

I wish to nominate: ..... Member No: .....

For the position of: (Delete as needed) Chairman / Secretary / Treasurer / Committee

Nominated by: (please print) ..... Member No: .....

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Seconded by: (please print) ..... Member No: .....

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Please post your nomination prior to: **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. To: SeniorNet Pakuranga Inc  
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