

*Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents*

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Our next Meeting,  
and A.G.M.

**Friday 6th October**

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*

We will hold our AGM at the beginning of the meeting and  
promise this will only be for 10-15 minutes maximum.

The main speaker will be Grant Sidaway - We Are All  
Connected. This will include :

- Snapshot of Technology Trends
- 3D printing demonstration
- The World of Apps
- Good bad and ugly of Social Media
- Virtual Reality, and more....

*October is  
Breast  
Cancer  
Awareness  
Month*

### OCTOBER **HELP** DAYS

|        |     |          |
|--------|-----|----------|
| 04 Oct | Wed | 1:00 PM  |
| 10 Oct | Tue | 10:00 AM |
| 18 Oct | Wed | 10:00 AM |
| 25 Oct | Wed | 10.00 AM |
| 31 Oct | Tue | 10:00 AM |

### WOW - 14 NEW MEMBERS



|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Paddy Burch     | Pam Cannard       |
| Jean Sears      | Margaret Blincoe  |
| Kim O'Hara      | Heather Cloake    |
| Margaret Esplin | Vicky Powell      |
| Teddy Veeriah   | Les Bell          |
| Ruth Veeriah    | George Caldwell   |
| David Carter    | Margaret McMeekin |

*If poison reaches its Use By date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?*

More wonderful simple shortcuts—worth learning: **Control S = Save**, **Control Z = Undo**, **Control P = Print**

## Chairman's Report

Brian Erikson

Tony Priestly passed away recently. I have known Tony since joining Seniornet Pakuranga when I assisted him in presenting the course we now call Word Power. He will be remembered by many of our more senior members. Tony also introduced me to the Kokako Recovery Project in the Hunua Ranges and for many years we took the risky drive up the Moumoukai Hill Road, a gravel road, largely one-way with twists and turns as well as steep drops into the gullies. The main hazard however were fully laden logging trucks and trailers barely able to stop, requiring a quick selection of reverse into a wider bit of road give them stopping room and space to scrape past. Our sincere condolences to Tony's family.

This month's speaker, Grant Sidaway, may be new to recent members but is eagerly awaited as a consummate and entertaining technical presenter. A brief background. He was selected from a management role in Telecom to head up the promotion of the SeniorNet concept in New Zealand. With Telecom sponsorship for about 15 years Grant created a significant number of independent SeniorNets New Zealandwide. When the Telecom sponsorship ceased Grant sought Government and Corporate sponsorship to establish a Federation to group the SeniorNets into one "voice" for promotional, technical exchanges and financial support. Government support was also withdrawn recently and we have previously covered the surveys and the "Way Ahead" that the Federation management committee have charted based on input from all interested parties.

One of the outcomes for the "Way Ahead" was a reduction in Federation expenditure and as a result Grant needs to cut back on the visits like the one he makes to us in October. Because of this we would like as wide an audience as possible and have invited the committee and tutors of six nearby SeniorNets to the presentation. If you see a large influx of new people it is not just new members to welcome but some of these invitees. I have asked for an rsvp reply so the refreshments team can be advised and not caught short.

## Notes from September Meeting

Dawn Howarth

Brian opened the meeting welcoming 14 new members, some of whom were here today. He also advised that next month the meeting would include our AGM and asked for nominations for all committee positions. Please complete the nomination form attached to our last newsletter and send this to Brian as soon as possible, definitely before 27 Sept.

Today's meeting comprised of short presentations on various topics made by some of our tutors. First up was Tony Haack who demonstrated Google Photos which can store, share, organise your photos online. You can create albums, collages, even easily animate photos!!! Google does all the work for you. It can also recognise faces and group your photos for you. Of course you can also edit your photos simply as well.

Brian gave us a demonstration of Magnifier which is part of the Windows Office package. His demonstration was impressive. He also showed us how to freeze panes to keep headings showing in Excel. Click on View, then Freeze Panes.. A great tip for Excel users.

We had a short demo on preparing the

newsletter each month on Publisher. This is also a great program for producing Christmas cards, birthday cards, business cards, calendars, labels. YouTube has lessons on this if you want to try them out.

Warren Taylor told us about What'sApp, an app that makes keeping in touch with family anywhere in the world so simple and free.

Dick explained that the Microsoft updates happen every week and we should just endure them. Some changes may not be in programs you use but there is no getting out of them.

Graeme demonstrated where we could look for information on family tree members online. He recommended Online Archives, Papers Past, Digital NZ, Wikipedia Online Newspapers. There were really remarkable results from his examples.

All the above are free and may already be in your computer. It is worth trying them out—you may love one of them. I'm also curious to see whether anyone reads all this, if you do, would you please email me at [dawn@orcon.net.nz](mailto:dawn@orcon.net.nz) (because nobody read my shortcuts last month).

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

## Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

### COMMITTEE

|                                       |  |          |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|
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|                                       | <a href="mailto:jimcurrie@live.com">jimcurrie@live.com</a>             |          |
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### OF COURSE WE *STILL* NEED HELP TUTORING AND SPEAKERS

*Please tell Merv or anyone on the committee if you can recommend a speaker and talk to Brian or Graeme if you can help in the training centre.*

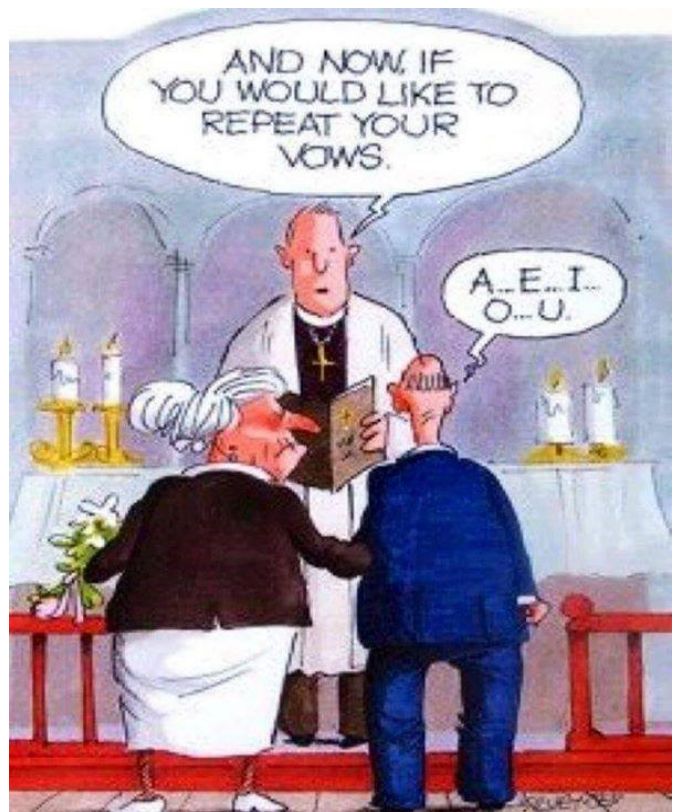
### **PARKING AT LEARNING CENTRE**

If roadworks are being carried out on Belmont 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. If there are no roadworks you must park on the road as usual

*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.*

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful



## October/November Courses, Workshops

| DATE              | TIME            | COURSE                           | CLASS DATES            |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>04 Oct Wed</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b>  | <b>Help Session</b>              | <b>04/Oct</b>          |
| 04 Oct Wed        | 9:30 AM         | Email                            | 04/Oct, 11/Oct         |
| <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 |
| <b>25 Oct Wed</b> | <b>10.00 AM</b> | <b>Help Session</b>              | <b>25/Oct</b>          |
| 25 Oct Wed        | 1:00 PM         | Apple iPads & iPhones            | 25/Oct                 |
| 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>          |
| <b>03 Nov Fri</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Monthly Meeting</b>           | <b>03 Nov</b>          |
| 06 Nov Mon        | 10:00 AM        | Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners) | 06/Nov                 |
| <b>08 Nov Wed</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Help Session</b>              | <b>08/Nov</b>          |
| 09 Nov Thu        | 10:00 AM        | Picasa (Digital Photography.)    | 09/Nov, 16/Nov         |
| <b>14 Nov Tue</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Help Session</b>              | <b>14/Nov</b>          |
| <b>23 Nov Thu</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Help Session</b>              | <b>23/Nov</b>          |
| 27 Nov Mon        | 10:00 AM        | Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)  | 27/Nov                 |
| <b>28 Nov Tue</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Help Session</b>              | <b>28/Nov</b>          |
| 29 Nov Wed        | 1:00 PM         | Apple iPads & iPhones            | 29/Nov                 |
| 30 Nov Thu        | 1:00 PM         | Windows 10                       | 30/Nov, 07/Dec         |

◆ **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.

◆ **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 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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**SeniorNet (Pakuranga) Inc**  
**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: .....

Signature: .....

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

Signature: .....

Nomination accepted: .....

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