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Our next Meeting,
Friday 1st December

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 speakers will be Brian and Graeme advising on Spam, Phishing and Netsafe solutions.

Our main speaker will be Guy Clapshaw, an ex Air NZ pilot. His presentation is called "**The Golden Years of Flying**". Guy emigrated to NZ from the UK in 1965 when he joined Air NZ (formerly TEAL). His flying experience ranges from Miles Magisters, de Havilland Moths, DC3's, Electras, DC8's, DC10's and Boeing 747's.



Dec/Jan HELP DAYS

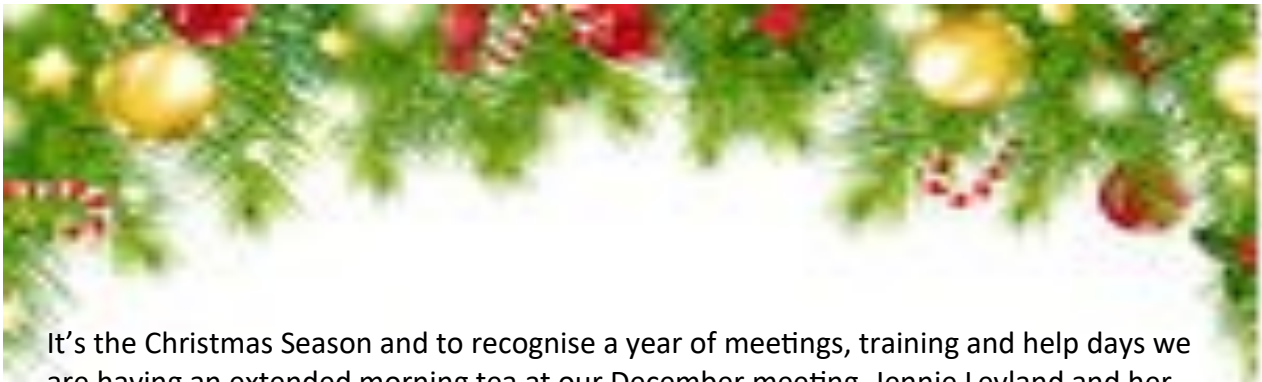
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| Tues | 5 Dec | 1.00pm |
| Tues | 12 Dec | 10.00am |
| Mon | 18 Dec | 1.00pm |
| Wed | 24 Jan | 10.00am |



**WELCOME TO
8 NEW MEMBERS**

**Derek Nelson
Jose Barker
Alan Simpson
Vivian Coleman**

**Rhona Jeffrey
Judy Smith
Neville Smith
Rex Wood**



It's the Christmas Season and to recognise a year of meetings, training and help days we are having an extended morning tea at our December meeting. Jennie Leyland and her crew have again planned a delectable offering.

My sincere thanks go to the volunteers who make or SeniorNet tick. There have been incredible efforts behind the scenes in the support systems for membership and website, for emailing newsletters and course and Help day reminders, to the extent that apart from the monthly meeting the Help day is the single most attended event we run. The reminders have boosted training numbers greatly, and spread the word about new pop up workshops. For example Jim has developed the Gmail Pop Up which has already required two repeats to be scheduled due to many members choosing Gmail as their option as Vodafone exited the email service. Please use our website to let us know of your new email address (or any other changes). Once on the website choose "Join Now" then click on "Members Change of details advice", complete the form, then click "Submit" at the bottom.

The less than savoury occurrences you may be experience are the phone and email scammers. I have had three urgent calls from "Windows Technical Department" assuring me that they are most concerned that errors have been detected in my computer. Actually, they are probably correct as they occur in all computers but as the device deals with these in a self-correcting fashion you will never need to know about it. Microsoft is a vast company but even they would not devote the time needed for these personal calls. The caller's wish is to have you permit them to access your computer and explore for passwords. Likewise there are the emails that purport to come from your bank, even banks you don't deal with saying they are holding funds they cannot deposit because they need to correct your account details including passwords. All they really want to do is get a Christmas present from your account. The short speaking slot for the December meeting will explore this theme further.

For those of you who are unable to come to our December meeting, may I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.



Notes from November Meeting

Dawn Howarth

Brian opened the meeting by welcoming visitors from SeniorNet Auckland and a local Probus group, together with 8 new members. Brian and Graeme had given a presentation to a Probus meeting on SeniorNet earlier in the week.

Graeme FitzGerald talked about Mail Chimp, a service we use to send all email to members. When you receive an email advising of a class you want to attend, click on the *“Click here to enrol”* button. That opens a screen showing your contact details. You then click on the *“Send”* key and you will be enrolled. The tutor from that class will follow this up with an email to confirm your attendance. If you don't receive an email within a day or so, please telephone the tutor to confirm your booking.

Please don't click on the “unsubscribe” button unless you no longer want to receive any notices, newsletters, etc from SeniorNet.

He also highlighted the importance of advising Robyn, our Membership Secretary, of your new email address if you were with Vodafone, ihug or Clear as from the end of this month they will no longer have an email service.

Dick Harris then highlighted some of the new features resulting from the latest Microsoft update. He explained that all mobile phones, laptop, desktop and tablets received the same update and you will get them whether you want them or not.

Prior to the teabreak Brian drew Bob Reynolds' name as the lucky winner of a flashdrive this month. Jordan Bennett from Vodafone Pakuranga was introduced and gave an informative and interesting talk with several video clips on mobile phones and the differences between brands and prices which varied from \$300 for a basic occasional-use mobile phone to over \$2000 for the latest X model iPhone. The quality of the camera varies as well as the digital assistance you can receive from Siri or Bixby if you have a Samsung phone. The memory size also plays a big part in the price.

Jordan had a special deal this month for SeniorNet members who have a Goldcard, of \$39.99 per month for 20gbs of data, free unlimited national calls and texts, a landline connection, two free cordless phones and a modem.

Vodafone TV – this is a new set-top box which will deliver SKY TV. You can recall TV programmes up screened up to 3 days previously. You should call into Vodafone Pakuranga and see this, ask questions, and check out their best deal for you.

Jordan closed by recommending that when you change your email address from Vodafone you should call them on 0800 921 021 and advise your new address - they will then ensure any emails sent to your Vodafone email address can be forwarded to you.

Brian thanked Jordan for a great presentation and helping us to be Tech-Savvy Seniors.

In closing, I would also like to extend my best wishes for a joyful festive season and a happy and healthy 2018.





Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising



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December Courses, Workshops

| DATE | TIME | COURSE | CLASS DATES |
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| 01 Dec Fri | 10:00 AM | Monthly Meeting | 01/Dec |
| 04 Dec Mon | 10:00 AM | Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners) | 04/Dec |
| 05 Dec Tue | 9:30 AM | Google Mail PopUp | 05/Dec |
| 05 Dec Tue | 1:00 PM | Help Session | 05/Dec |
| 11 Dec Mon | 10:00 AM | Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced) | 11/Dec |
| 12 Dec Tue | 10:00 AM | Help Session | 12/Dec |
| 18 Dec Mon | 1:00 PM | Help Session | 18/Dec |
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| 24 Jan Wed | 10:00 AM | Help Session | 24/Jan |
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◆ **To attend any courses, please telephone or email the tutor and make a booking or click on "Click here to Enrol" button when you receive the reminder email.**

◆ 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 bring the correct cash or a cheque.*

◆ Please wear your name badge on the course (or to any SeniorNet meeting).
As well as confirming your membership, this is a helpful and friendly courtesy to others.

◆ *All courses are held at our Learning Centre, BenLomond Crescent, Pakuranga.*

◆ You must park on the road when attending the Learning Centre — **Sorry, no parking is permitted on site.**

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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