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Our next Meeting,
Friday 2 February
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

Our first meeting of 2018 will feature introductions to Google Services, recent slowing of computers, DNA supported genealogy, Android Photo App for PCs and electric car experiences.

Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

FEBRUARY HELP DAYS

Monday	09 Feb	10am
Tuesday	13 Feb	10am
Monday	19 Feb	10am
Wednesday	28 Feb	10am



Wrinkles don't hurt.

NEW MEMBERS

Lesley Baxter
Wolf Schmahl
Geraldine Elliott
Lesley Houghton
Tony Cooke
Jacqui Payne



Chairman's Report

Brian Erikson

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2018 and I look forward to the February 2nd meeting which will be a variety of short presentations to get the year rolling. As an extension to learning technology I will add to my piece in electric cars and solar power. Have a look at:

<http://www.metservice.com/towns-cities/auckland/auckland-central> which the Met Service site for Auckland. A new forecast they offer is the units of electricity expected to be generated in Auckland given the number of and real conditions of installed sites in operation. It varies based on cloud cover but is in the range on 65,000 Units per day that is sufficient to power a typical electric car 400,000 Km. Looking at use members have made of our Learning Centre in 2017 there has been a trend of month on month increases. This has resulted in 296 people coming to a Help session and 559 people coming for courses. We use these attendance are used to determine changes in learning needs as some technologies become are less popular and newer ones take their place. Pop Up Workshops are used to try out new ideas and can become "main stream" if they fit a need. But you don't need to wait until we have a bright idea, just send your suggestion in via the "Contact" Tab on our website which is of course www.senpak.nz

We are concerned however to match this growth in learning centre attendance with sufficient tutor numbers to avoid delays as well as tutor over commitment. To this end after we settle into 2018 we will be making a request for a show of interest for additional tutors and assistants to have a discussion on what could be involved and how you can make a difference.

Notes from December Meeting

Dawn Howarth

Brian welcomed seven new members and visitors and went on to talk about the prevalence of spam. He showed examples of the current batch of junk we have all been receiving and told us about netsafe.org.nz where we can check out spam and lots of other very helpful advice on keeping ourselves safe from spammers. One very good and easy suggestion is to forward these emails to me@respam.org A robot receives your forwarded email and spams back to the sender, for you and hundreds of others, jamming the sender's email until they have to close down. How wonderful.

You can also go to av-test.org which ranks the various programs that can protect your computer or device from hackers. You can compare companies and products and choose which is best for you.

We had a delicious Christmas morning tea today and extra time to chat and ensure that we demolished all the goodies being offered.

Brian then introduced Guy Clapshaw who talked about his **Golden Years of Flying**. Guy delighted us all with really humorous stories of his childhood and the war years, including having a German crashland on their farm and surrendering to his mum and dad. How very English it all seemed, so civilised it was funny and hard to believe. He told us of his amazing story-telling (actually lying) to his school friends and how he got away with it. We learnt about Vanity Victor the bull on post-war Viagra. We saw photos of all sorts of aircraft including a half helicopter/half aircraft that looked very strange but performed perfectly yet didn't take off (excuse the pun). Although it was Guy's lifelong dream to fly, he also wanted to be an author and has subsequently written a book about his flying experiences. If it is anything like the stories he told today, it must be a fabulous read.

Thank you Guy for one of the most entertaining talks we have had this year and we wish you every success selling the remaining 99 books.

John Newman was the winner of the flash drive this month. Congratulations John.

Before closing the meeting a special thank you to Jennie Leyland was made. Jennie has been organised our morning cuppa for years and has decided it is time to hang up her apron. We are glad you are still going to come to our meetings Jennie and join us at coffee time. Thank you for the work you have done on our behalf over the years and for the beautiful Christmas morning tea you made and put on today.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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SUCCESS:

- At age 4 success is Not piddling in your pants.
- At age 12 success is . Having friends.
- At age 17 success is . Having a driver's license.
- At age 35 success is . Having money.
- At age 50 success is . Having money.
- At age 70 success is Having a driver's license.
- At age 75 success is Having friends.
- At age 80 success is Not piddling in your pants.



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



"This book's terrible – I can't colour it in!"



"All the other women in the office are suing you for sexual harassment. Since you haven't sexually harassed me, I'm suing you for discrimination."

FEB/MAR Courses, Workshops

DATE	TIME	COURSE	CLASS DATES
01 Feb Thu	10:00 AM	Taking the Plunge	01/Feb, 08/Feb, 15/Feb
02 Feb Fri	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	02/Feb
05 Feb Mon	9:30 AM	Email	05/Feb, 08/Feb
07 Feb Wed	9:30 AM	Word Power	07/Feb, 14/Feb
09 Feb Fri	10:00 AM	Help Session	09/Feb
09 Feb Fri	1:00 PM	Tips & Tricks Popup	09/Feb
12 Feb Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	12/Feb
13 Feb Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	13/Feb
16 Feb Fri	9:30 AM	Committee Meeting	16/Feb
19 Feb Mon	1:00 PM	Help Session	19/Feb
21 Feb Wed	9:30 AM	Google Docs and My Drive Popup	21/Feb
22 Feb Thu	1:00 PM	Windows 10	22/Feb, 01/Mar
23 Feb Fri	1:00 PM	Tips & Tricks Popup	23/Feb
26 Feb Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)	26/Feb
27 Feb Tue	9:30 AM	Microsoft Surface Tablets	27/Feb
28 Feb Wed	1:00 PM	Apple iPads & iPhones	28/Feb
28 Feb Wed	10:00 AM	Help Session	28/Feb
02 Mar Fri	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	02/Mar
06 Mar Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	06/Mar
08 Mar Thu	10:00 AM	Taking the Plunge	08/Mar, 12/Mar, 15/Mar
12 Mar Mon	1:00 PM	Advanced Word Processing	12/Mar, 19/Mar, 26/Mar
14 Mar Wed	10:00 AM	Genealogy - Getting Started	14/Mar, 21/Mar
15 Mar Thu	1:00 PM	Help Session	15/Mar
16 Mar Fri	9:30 AM	Committee Meeting	16/Mar
19 Mar Mon	10:00 AM	Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners)	19/Mar
20 Mar Tue	10:00 AM	Help Session	20/Mar
27 Mar Tue	1:00 PM	Help Session	27/Mar
28 Mar Wed	1:00 PM	Apple iPads & iPhones	28/Mar
29 Mar Thu	1:00 PM	Windows 10	29/Mar, 05/Apr
29 Mar Thu	10:00 AM	Picasa (Digital Photography.)	29/Mar, 05/Apr

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

Google Docs and My Drive Popup

This Workshop explores Google Docs and Google Drive. Docs is an easy to use application where we write, insert and edit documents online.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

Google Mail Popup

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

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221
or Email: jimcurrie@live.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 Show and more.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

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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

Power Point/Publisher Pop Up

A demonstration of Microsoft Power Point and Publisher

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

Skype to Stay In Touch

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

Tips & Tricks PopUp

This PopUp will include some of those things that we all know but need reminding about and some that we do not know and wonder why we ever thought of them.

1 Session of 2 Hours

Fee: \$5

Contact: Dick Harris ph: 576 9483
or Email: rharris2017@outlook.co.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.

2 Sessions of 2 Hours

Fee: \$10

Contact: Jim Currie ph: 533 4221
or Email: jimcurrie@live.com

◆ **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.**