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Our next Meeting,
Friday 6 April
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 early speaker will be Brian—read all about a new experimental power supply in his *Bits and Bytes* column on the following page.

The main speaker will be **Lee Chisholm** from **NetSafe**. Her presentation is entitled “**Safety Online**”. Lee will discuss – **Scams; How scammers trick people; The Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 and Top Tips for Safety**.



**APRIL
HELP
DAYS**

Wednesday	4April	10am
Tuesday	10April	10am
Thursday	19April	10am
Friday	27April	10am

See if you can figure out what these 7 words have in common.

**Assess
Banana
Dresser
Grammar
Potato
Revive
Uneven**

Answer on page 3



**WELCOME
16 NEW MEMBERS**

Nancy Crooks	Bob Worsfold
Allan Brown	Linda Ulyatt
Jane Snelling	Gordon Gray
Tom Owen	Vicki Gray
Gill Muggleston	Rosemary Ackerley
Sandra McGill	Taeho Ha
Paul Swanney	Deb Addis
Mike Dubey	Loreen Hay

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

Well the Census has been and gone. We prepared a Help team and got coverage in some newspapers and TV. The conclusion however, is that there was not a great demand from the public or our members for help so the on-line census appears to have been well received. As we had little notice of SeniorNet involvement we were not able to do much to promote our help to the general population and that observation has been made to the organisers even though the next census is 5 years off. The on-line concept you tried could be an indication of what's in store for electronic voting and referenda.

The computer-aided course evaluation is now in place on all of our PC's and we will be keen observers on the progressive results. My recent TTP course completed their evaluation in about 3 minutes.

Netsafe.org.nz will present at our April meeting. They cover a wide range of topics under the theme of personal safety on the internet and in using social media. It's been some while since we last had them to our meeting and we have had quite a few new members who will benefit from the advice they give. Is also worthwhile to refresh your own knowledge because we can pass it on to our children and grandchildren. **Netsafe** also undertake an official reporting role under the new Harmful Digital Communications Act.

I caught the tail end of a radio presentation on artificial photosynthesis and followed up the topic on the net. As the early speaker I will cover a few of the quite revolutionary technology discoveries such as producing hydrogen fuel from an artificial leaf. Next, using special microbes to consume that hydrogen and take carbon dioxide from the air to make liquid fuel plus a new relatively low cost large battery being built to supply 10% of Berlin City's power demand for one hour.

Notes from March Meeting

Dawn Howarth

Brian opened by welcoming another 11 new members and visitors— great news. It really is amazing how our club is growing.

The first early speaker was Bonnie Robinson of HBH Senior Living. She told us of a new project she wants to get up and running in our area - 'Village Without Walls' It aims to give lonely people somewhere they can go, even if it is just for coffee. At the same time they could learn of other groups in the area that may be able to help them, or just be somewhere to meet people similar to themselves. Bonnie passed out a questionnaire for SeniorNet members to complete to help her get this project started. Please fill in the questionnaire and bring to the April meeting for Bonnie who will then continue on her mission to get this very worthy project up and running. We wish you well with this Bonnie.



Graeme FitzGerald then demonstrated a new reporting/feedback page now installed on the computers in the Learning Centre to help improve the service provided by our Tutors. SeniorNet Federation now requires us do this evaluation at each of our courses.

After coffee time Gary Renwick was the lucky winner of the USB stick this month.

Brian introduced Ted Dickens who retired from the Farmers Trading Company after 33 years service in 1986. Ted told us how Robert Laidlaw started Farmers as a mail order business in 1909. With great humour he highlighted some of the memorable dates in FTC's history, including 1920 opening their

Hobson Street shop to the public; starting the Santa Parade in 1934 and innovative ways to get Santa to arrive. There was also a circus in the rooftop playground with live lions, (which travelled up and down in the lifts each day). Obviously there was no such thing as OSH then – the mind boggles at the things they did. Farmers installed the first escalator in Auckland in 1954, and they installed the giant Santa on their building in 1960. Also we were reminded of Hector, a dear old cockatoo that lived to 131 years. Incredible.

We all remember the Farmers of our childhood and to hear Ted recall those days was wonderful. How we loved going to visit Santa, the magic caves, the pedal cars in the playground – all good stuff. Thank you Ted, and thank you to the organiser too.

My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God, I didn't.

Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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

Answer:

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.



April/May Courses, Workshops

Advanced Word Processing

Tutor/Organiser: **Maureen Keys**

Follows on from Word Power using Word 2007/10 and covers advanced features of Word.

Phone No: **271 5553**

Email: **keysm@clear.net.nz**

Fee: **\$15.00**

Session Times

1:00 PM Monday, 14 May 2018

3 Sessions: 14/May, 21/May, 28/May, 2 hours each

Apple iPads & iPhones

Tutor/Organiser: **Dick Harris**

Bring your own iPad or iPhone and learn what it can do.

Phone No: **576 9483**

Email: **rharris2017@outlook.co.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

1:00 PM Tuesday, 24 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

1:00 PM Wednesday, 30 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

CD/DVD Burning & Flashdrives

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Come along and learn how to save your videos and files to a CD or DVD using a free download of Ashampoo software.

Phone No: **534 4798**

Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 7 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

Genealogy - Getting Started

Tutor/Organiser: **Graeme FitzGerald**

Come and learn how to record your family history for the next generations using RootsMagic.

Phone No: **272 9271**

Email: **g.fitzg14@gmail.com**

Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Tuesday, 15 May 2018

2 Sessions: 15/May, 22/May, 2 hours each

Genealogy Research

Tutor/Organiser: **Graeme FitzGerald**

This course focuses on how to carry out genealogy research using the internet and local resources.

Phone No: **272 9271**

Email: **g.fitzg14@gmail.com**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Tuesday, 3 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

Continued ...

April/May Courses, Workshops, continued

Google Gmail

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

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

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 2 May 2018

2 Sessions: 02/May, 09/May, 2 hours each

Help Session

Tutor/Organiser: **Michael Empson**

Bring your problems to a help session where one of your fellow SeniorNet members will help you. (NO BOOKING REQUIRED)

Phone No: **535 8506**

Email: **mempson@xtra.co.nz**

Donati **Gold Coin**

Session Times

10:00 AM Wednesday, 4 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 10 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Thursday, 19 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Friday, 27 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

1:00 PM Wednesday, 2 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 8 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Thursday, 17 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

1:00 PM Wednesday, 23 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Tuesday, 29 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

MS Office Emails

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

Come along and learn all about Microsoft Office Emails

Phone No: **533 4221**

Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**

Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 23 May 2018

2 Sessions: 23/May, 30/May, 2 hours each

Picasa (Digital Photography.)

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Learn how to Transfer images from camera to computer then Edit, add text, and make a slide show, plus more.

Phone No: **5344798**

Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**

Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Thursday, 5 April 2018

2 Sessions: 05/Apr, 12/Apr, 2 hours each

Smart Phones/Tablets (Advanced)

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Bring your Android Smartphone and tablets to this workshop and learn about its advanced features.

Phone No: **534 4798**

Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**

Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 30 April 2018

1 session of 2 hours

10:00 AM Monday, 28 May 2018

1 session of 2 hours

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April/May Courses, Workshops, continued

Smart Phones/Tablets (Beginners) Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

Bring your Android Smartphone and tablets to this workshop and learn what they can do.

Phone No: **534 4798**
Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**
Fee: **\$5.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Monday, 16 April 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**
10:00 AM Monday, 14 May 2018 **1 session of 2 hours**

Spreadsheets

Tutor/Organiser: **John Bate**

Come and learn how to use Microsoft Excel.

Phone No: **570 5468**
Email: **john.jean@xtra.co.nz**
Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Tuesday, 17 April 2018 **2 Sessions: 17/Apr, 24/Apr, 2 hours each**

Taking the Plunge

Tutor/Organiser: **Brian Erikson**

It is suggested that this course should be taken by every beginner.

Phone No: **534 4798**
Email: **brian@erikson.net.nz**
Fee: **\$15.00**

Session Times

10:00 AM Thursday, 26 April 2018 **3 Sessions: 26/Apr, 03/May, 10/May, 2 hours each**

Windows 10

Tutor/Organiser: **Dick Harris**

An introduction to windows 10. Learn about the new features in this operating system.

Phone No: **576 9483**
Email: **rharris2017@outlook.co.nz**
Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

1:00 PM Thursday, 26 April 2018 **2 Sessions: 26/Apr, 03/May, 2 hours each**
1:00 PM Thursday, 31 May 2018 **2 Sessions: 31/May, 07/Jun, 2 hours each**

Word Power

Tutor/Organiser: **Jim Currie**

Learn how to type up a document using Microsoft Office Word.

Phone No: **533 4221**
Email: **jimcurrie@live.com**
Fee: **\$10.00**

Session Times

9:30 AM Wednesday, 11 April 2018 **2 Sessions: 11/Apr, 18/Apr, 2 hours each**

Booking Information

- You need to be a member of SeniorNet to take part in our classes.
- If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- Note: We require you to pay a course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash or cheque to the first session.
- Our Courses are all held at our Learning Centre at **12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga**. Please park on the road as no parking is permitted on site.