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Our next Meeting,  
**1st February Friday**  
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 guest speaker is Graeme Torckler, who 20 years ago, started a computer recycling company. Graeme will enlighten, inform and advise us on computer and e-waste recycling.

**Don't forget, we need help at morning tea for 3 months**  
**Phone : 534 3482.**



## 6 NEW MEMBERS

David Owen  
Maron Paton  
Raewyn Lewis

Angela Bodley  
Jill Astill  
Tony Corrigan

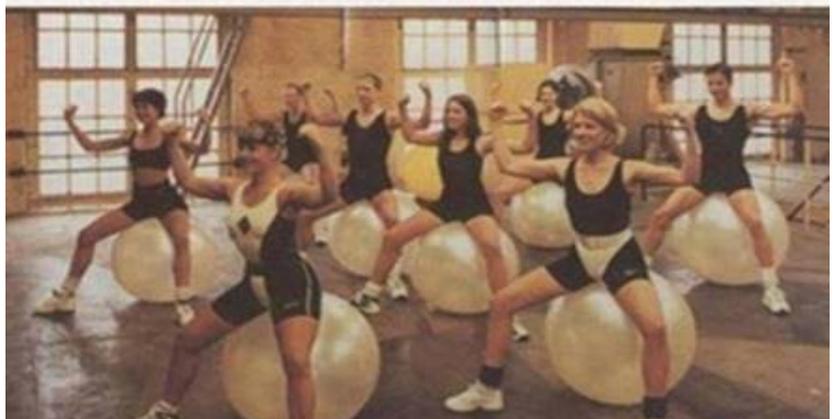
## **FEB HELP DAYS**

Tues 05 Feb 10am  
Thurs 14 Feb 1.00om  
Fri 22 Feb 10am  
Tues 26Feb 1.00pm

**To view all SeniorNet courses  
and timetable, click here**

<http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

**This is what happens when you swallow gum...**



The news media have had quite a lot to report on Data and Privacy. From the banning of Huawei 5G wireless infrastructure to the European Commission enacting a law to make personal data your own property. Both have far reaching consequences and the data law in particular, could impact on the very way Google, Facebook and the like succeed commercially.

Dick Harris has updated the Learning Centre PC to Microsoft Office 2019 by taking them home a few at a time for his evening entertainment. Thank you Dick.

A few days before Christmas Eve my laptop just stopped and would only display a blue screen. The service department at PB Tech diagnosed a hard disc failure and I chose to replace it with a new Solid State Disc of smaller capacity. This resulted in a remarkable improvement in start-up speed but the real question was "how reliable and how up to date is my back-up record". Well good enough for all but a few emails which were still saved on the ISP inbox.

The main lesson to take from this exercise is to assume that your PC storage will fail at some time and you need to think about what items you are not happy to lose and have a method of securing those.

I think "back-up" will be a good monthly mini speaker series as you have many options available such as Windows File History feature and or Microsoft One Drive, adding a third party option such as Always Sync, or using Google Docs and Google Drive. Some of these options use secure storage in an internet accesses data store (i.e. cloud storage) and others use your own USB connected local storage.

## *Notes from December Meeting*

*Dawn Howarth*



Our last meeting in December was excellent mainly because we had wise words from our leader, Jim Currie won the lucky draw, we had a glorious morning tea kindly supplied by Doug White, then laughs galore from the Laughing Policeman. It was a great way to end the year. Many thanks again to our dedicated organisers.

Brian mentioned that we need volunteers to serve morning tea for the February, March and April meetings. *Please consider helping* if you can spare the time.

He also advised that the Howick-Pakuranga Community Patrol are looking for volunteers to drive around looking for anything unusual

and noting it down. Full training and uniform will be provided. Phone 0275 968 180 for more info.

How lovely it is to have Christmas and summer holidays, even if thunder and lightning occasionally comes along. On those days I didn't have to water the garden so it was still smiles from me.

I have over-eaten (a constant problem for me) fruit mince pies of all descriptions for weeks. I have shared lovely meals with dozens of delightful people. I suppose that's what summer holidays are all about. Now however, it's hard to get back to the reality of our normal routine — and diet.

# Last Month, They said what ?

**Brian Erickson** gave us enlightenment following the rather rushed computer fraud talk by Westpac recently.

**Passwords** - We were shown examples of password structures and how they can be found by computer generated programs that can ultimately work out your password by analysis. Some passwords can take seconds to find, others can take over a year.

It is suggested that the best selection is a four-word password using inter-related words such as "correct horse battery stable"

Our own family has 56 access names such as for Mercury Energy, Iticket, Ticketic etc. How do you keep and remember Passwords and PIN numbers for all those?

**Further fraud checks** - Check out the validity of suppliers when buying online to make sure that the seller will actually deliver the goods.

Take care to arrange payment through a recognised supplier eg Paypal, credit card, etc. Don't make a direct credit to an unknown supplier (they can take the money and run with no comeback).

In the end, be very wary when making any online transactions.

**5G** — We were then told about the new 5G which will offer you fibre optic speeds on your phone. 4G is the current speed service.

5G will be economical so that minute data messages can be accommodated, eg: motor car engine and travel analysis.

It can be used to transmit to your Bluetooth traffic flow, lights or traffic jams.

We will have a greater spectrum range for more broadcast channels than at present.

And then!!!

**John Hartley** burst upon the scene to entertain us on his life's experiences in two Police Forces, the first in West Yorkshire for 32 years before settling down in New Zealand in Puke-e-ho. This is near to Ta Kaneyeneye.

In our region, we also have other places such as Wun Hunga, Manure Wa, Monjair, and Otterhoo.

It was New Zealand Immigration who told him that 32 years in the West Yorkshire Police didn't qualify him for New Zealand service, so he had to spend another 6 months at Police College in Poreerooa, Wellington. It only took him 8 years before NZ would give him permission to come to NZ and grant residency, by which time his two older sons were too old to be allowed come with him, his wife and their youngest son. Those two sons now have their own grandchildren in England and are still unable to come here. Make your own judgement on all that in light of the present incompetent fiasco happening in our Immigration Department !!

He learned that if you are going to die young, make it as late as possible.

If you don't know what you are doing, make it look as if you do. Fool them!

Policemen don't like paperwork and avoid it like the plague.

When a man is down, never hit him, kick him! When arresting a man, make sure that the leg swing also takes place. He showed that to us very effectively and you had to be there to understand.

John showed us his original baton and compared it with the farcically useless replacement and showed us how to use it. It wasn't what we expected it was used for! He also explained how 50,000 useless pockets are provided in Police issue trousers each year, and the reasons why they continue — too dumb to bother changing?

He showed us what Police whistles were for — you would never guess!!!

He showed us his original handcuffs and explained the uselessness of them and the deadly effectiveness of the new issue. These new ones are so quick to use.

John discussed how Police cope with the trauma that they encounter almost daily. To retain sanity, they use humour in all its varied manners.

Finally, as an excuse for speeding, advise that you have to get to where you are going in a hurry before you forget where you are going. You may get off that speeding ticket!!!????

Finally, we were told his first Police experience visiting the suspected death of Ethel that turned out hilariously. Too long to tell in this report.

A very entertaining, active and extrovertly presented morning was had by all those who attended today.

**By Tony Kendall**

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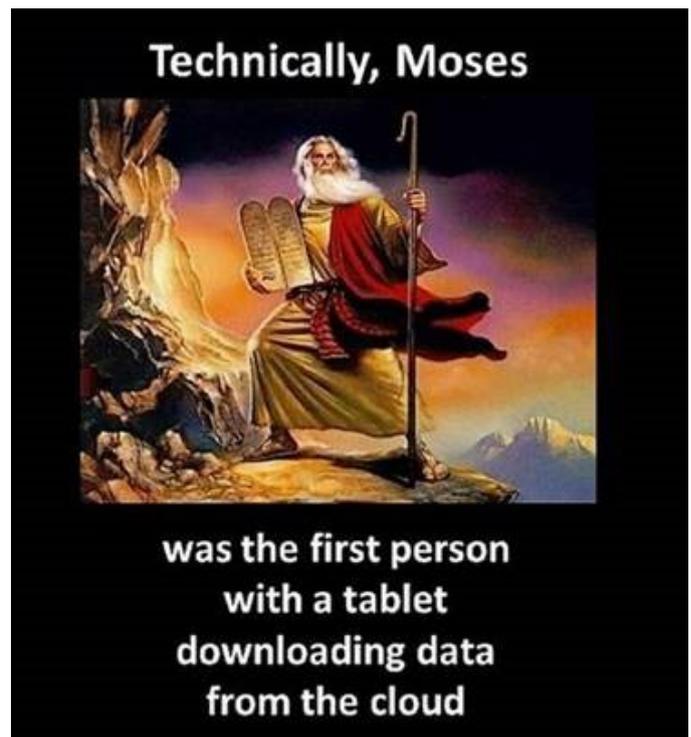
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## Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising



*Free to a good home: If anyone has an HP LaserJet 1200 Series Printer, I have a near new cartridge they can have. I have just bought a new printer. Phone: Warren 534 3482*

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# ***FEB/MARCH Courses, Workshops***

We are trialling connecting you directly with the courses and timetables which are always up to date and accurate.

To view all the courses available and the timetable for them, please click here

<http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

***This link will be attached to the HELP DAY display  
on Page 1 of the Newsletter.***

You can enrol as usual, by emailing the tutor or by replying to the course notice which comes out a week or so before the course starts.

If you have a query you can email the tutor concerned.

## 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.



# HOWICK-PAKURANGA COMMUNITY PATROL



## **FIGHT CRIME** **Become a Volunteer Patroller**

Do you want to work alongside New Zealand Police to help build a safer community?

As a Volunteer Patroller you can help.

### **What does a Patroller do?**

- ▶ Act as eyes & ears for the Police.
- ▶ Undertake surveillance & observation.
- ▶ Gather intelligence, record & take notes.
- ▶ Assist at accidents when required.
- ▶ Patrol streets in a patrol vehicle.
- ▶ Day or night Patrol shifts to choose from.
- ▶ Report signs of suspicious activity.

### **Full Training given**

A minimum of 2 hours a month is all we ask. Uniform provided.

### **For additional information please contact:**

**Garry on mobile: (0275) 968 180**

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Howick-Pakuranga Community Patrols have been operating in your area for over twenty years.

Join other like-minded men and women on Patrol and also enjoy a social environment.

**Our Vision: A Safe, Resilient Community**

