

NEWS

APRIL 2019

Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents

Telephone 09 576 4500



This issue:

- ◆ Next meeting
- ◆ April Help days
- ◆ New members
- ◆ **Bits and Bytes**
- ◆ Notes on March meeting
- ◆ Your Committee
- ◆ Comments, queries, ads, etc.
- ◆ How to join a course

APRIL HELP DAYS

Tuesday 02 April 10am

Monday 08 April, 1pm

Tuesday 16 April, 10am

Tuesday 23 April, 1.00pm

**To view all SeniorNet courses
and timetable, click here**
<http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

SeniorNet (Pakuranga) Inc
PO Box 82-306 Highland Park, Auckland 2143

Our next Meeting,
Friday 5th 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

The early speaker is Jim Currie who will present a
“A Lucky Dip”

The main speaker is from Westpac and he will talk
about “Confidence with Online Banking”.
Something we all need !!



2 NEW MEMBERS

John Borkin
Peggy Westwick

Sign at an Optometrist's Office:

*“If you don't see what you're looking for,
you've come to the right place.”*

Sign at a Podiatrist's office:

Time wounds all heels

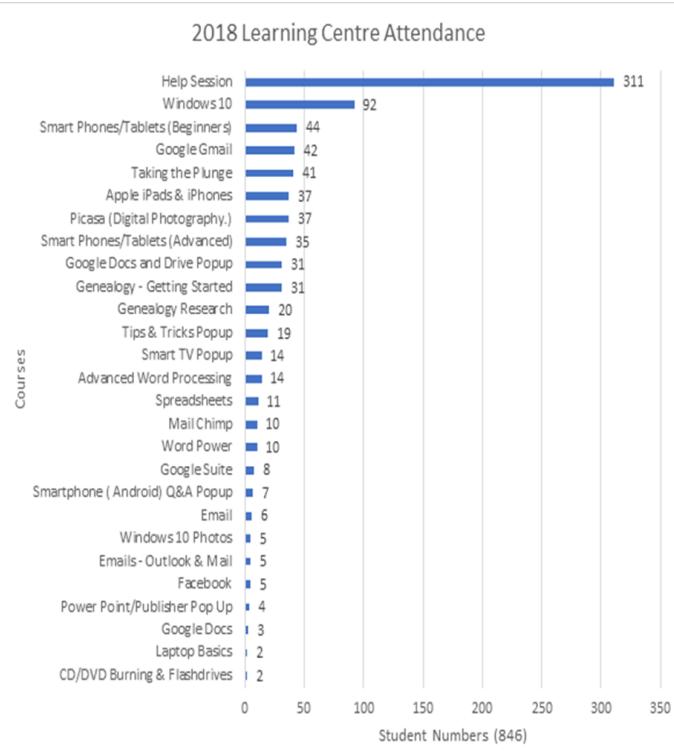
Have you been to our Learning Centre this year? This chart, prepared by Graeme Fitzgerald shows what attracted members during 2018. The Help days are outstanding.

This is a lead to our management of courses on offer as it indicated where the greatest demand is coming from.

It is also an illustration of the commitment of our tutors and assistants in being able to put together such a varied programme of courses.

Like all organisations we need to keep refreshing courses, tutors and assistants. If you have had a thought that you could help please contact me, Neil Armstrong or Graeme Fitzgerald and we can find ways to associate you with others of experience.

Keep the refreshment theme in mind as we should also apply that to the Committee which keeps our SeniorNet ticking over with a view to the AGM in October.



Notes from March Meeting

Dawn Howarth

A welcome from Brian for 3 new members and the introduction of Robert Finley who enlightened us on preserving our old negative film and showed us the effect of 'the 'vinegar syndrome' which can appear on improperly stored negative film. Robert was truly entertaining and informative. He set a real challenge for those of us who have negatives which we want to preserve. These are quickly damaged by heat and humidity. You can protect your negatives by carefully separating them from already damaged negatives, wrap in acid free paper, label, pack into acid free cardboard boxes, wrap in thick plastic and sealed with tape to make completely airtight. Then wrap in plastic again, and seal again, and store in a freezer. Thaw for 2 days before you use the negative as it will be very brittle after freezing. This method was recommended by both the Auckland Museum photo conservation department and the US National Parks Services. Conservation Supplies will be able to help you with supplies of acid-free paper and boxes.

We followed the photos theme after the tea break with talks from Graeme on Windows 10 Photos and Tony who talked about Google Photos which keeps all his pics on The Cloud. Tony preferred this system for a multitude of reasons. Finally Brian told us how Picasa is no longer being upgraded or supported by Google. This is still a very good program and easy to use but consideration should be given to switching to another program because eventually Picasa will cease to exist. Each of the systems had excellent ease of use, filing systems, tag facilities, the ability to add captions, narration, music, videos. Really we should all try each of the systems and decide which suits us best. Of course there are SeniorNet classes which could help with this too.

Brian drew the lucky member and presented Peter Williams with a flash drive this month.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Enjoy your Easter eggs—guilt-free.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.■



Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

COMMITTEE

Chairman, Training Room

Brian Erikson 534 4798
brian@erikson.net.nz

Treasurer Mervyn Coward 576 8737
4merv.c@gmail.com

Secretary Dawn Howarth 576 6798
dawn@orcon.net.nz

Membership Secretary
Robyn Carter 534 4525
robynandtc@gmail.com

Systems Manager
Graeme FitzGerald 272 9271
gfitzg46@gmail.com

Publicity Warren Taylor 534 3482
alicewarrentay@gmail.com

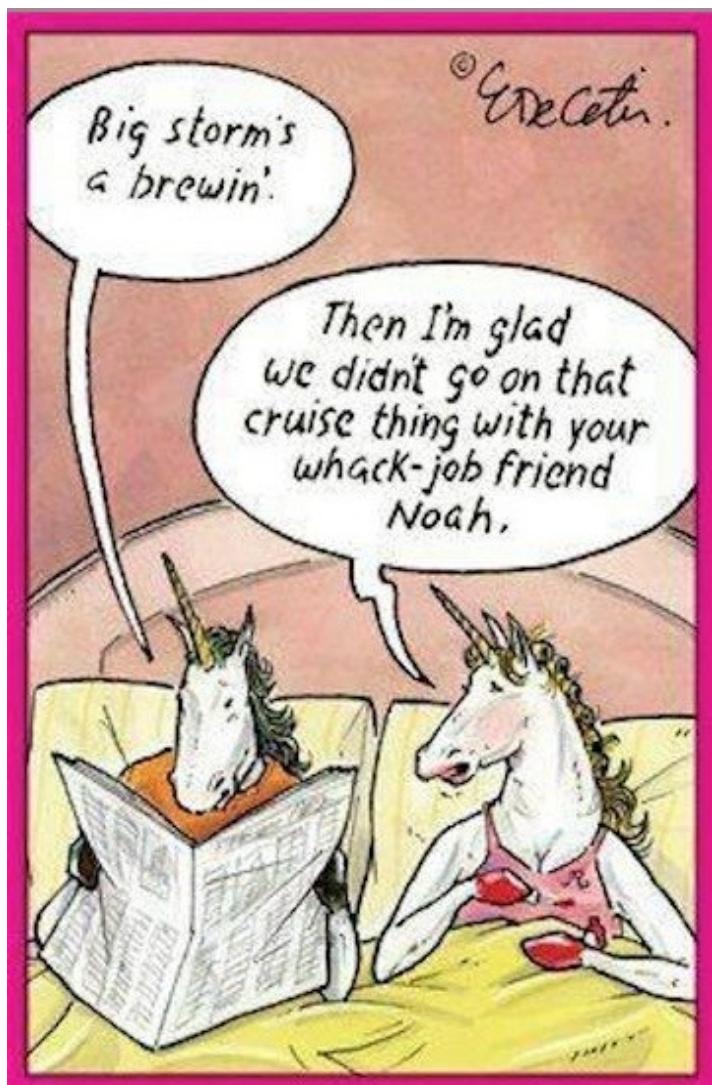
Course Co-ordinator
Neil Armstrong 021429492
neil.apollo11@gmail.com

Guest Speaker Co-Ordinator
Maggie Burrill 533 5440
Maggiewb02@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor Dawn Howarth 576 6798
dawn@orcon.net.nz



"Everyone in the building got together. Here's 200 bucks for your violin."



COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

To view all SeniorNet courses and timetable, click here

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

APRIL HELP DAYS

Tuesday 02 April 10am

Monday 08 April, 1pm

Tuesday 16 April, 10am

Tuesday 23 April, 1.00pm

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

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

Course 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.
- * 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.
- * 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.

WAIVER: Some of our members voluntarily and willingly give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers, associated equipment and software. This includes information contained in the columns of this newsletter and other publications including our SeniorNet Website. This help or advice is taken solely at the recipient's risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind, either on those providing such help or advice, or the newsletter Editors or SeniorNet (Pakuranga) Inc.