



# NEWS

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## **MAY HELP DAYS**

Thursday 02 May 10:00 AM  
 Wednesday 08 May 10:00 AM  
 Thursday 16 May 1:00 PM  
 Friday 24 May 10:00 AM

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Our next Meeting,  
**Friday 3rd May**

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 are:

Graeme FitzG - How we can make best use of our new access to **Ancestry.com** at the Learning Centre and Brian E. - Some simple examples of the **Internet Of Things ( IOT )**

The main speaker will be **Fiona Alexander** talking about the **Reforestation of the islands in the Hauraki Gulf**, where she has been very active in re-planting the islands, resulting in both regeneration and growth of native birds there.

What does a shark and a computer have in common?

They both have megabites.

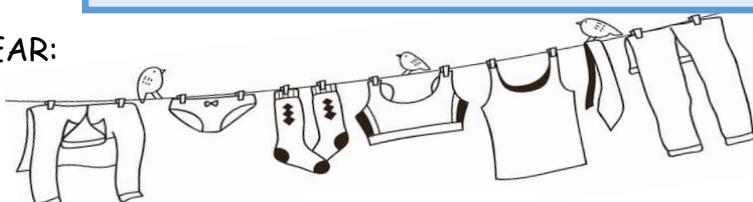


**4 NEW MEMBERS**

Dieuwke Gers  
 Jack Langstone  
 May Mak  
 Barbara Haxton

PASSWORDS ARE LIKE UNDERWEAR:

Change yours often  
 Don't share them with friends  
 The longer, the better  
 Don't leave yours lying around  
 Be mysterious



This month we record the death of two recent members, Alan Norcott, Member No 151 and Yvette Corlett, No. 2152. As you can see from the membership numbers Yvette was a recent member while Alan had been active since our early years. I'm sure that you join with me in extending our condolences to their families.

The debate over the showing Rugby World Cup games to internet-streamed devices such as TVs, phones and computers is starting to heat up. We are approaching Spark Sport and Panasonic who supplied our smart TV in the Learning Centre, to see if either of them can provide speakers for a monthly meeting to compliment the pop-up TV workshop that Dick and Tony run. This is to explain streaming, how it will work and for those of us without a smart TV what our options are. By using a monthly meeting that means more members are covered than we can achieve at a pop-up.

I have been running the Smartphone workshops for a while now and its interesting to note that some members are taking up mobile phones for the first time. These members may find it helpful to go through a "novice" introduction to mobile phones before the first workshop and I will offer this option whenever a booking request for the beginners workshop is received.

Another course situation to mention follows the information in the April newsletter which showed Excel, CD Burning, PowerPoint/Publisher and laptop Basics with low numbers attending. These courses have been removed from the website timetable but if you have requirement for one please contact the Course Coordinator [neil@senpac.nz](mailto:neil@senpac.nz) and we will see how best to respond to your needs.

## *Notes from April Meeting*

*Dawn Howarth*

Maggie opened our meeting, welcoming 4 new members. She also asked if members would please pick up their membership cards from Robyn at the reception desk in the foyer (so you can wear them to our meetings). It is much friendlier if you have your name easily seen by other members.

Jim Currie gave a short talk on Windows 10 and its many apps, including gMail, Google Drive, Online Storage, Maps. All these and more are provided with Windows 10 or are available at no extra cost. The Gmail program is easy to use and it is simple to add photos too. The Contacts program is now called "People". The Calendar list is excellent with the reminder facility included.

Then Graeme FitzGerald advised of the problems the training room has been having with members arriving for courses without enrolling. He again demonstrated how to register for a class and said if a response hasn't been received from the tutor within 48 hours, please telephone the tutor to confirm whether you have been accepted onto the course. Because space is limited in the training school, it is important that you ensure you are enrolled.

Graeme also advised that the Ancestry.com program is now available in the training room and you can bring your laptop to the training centre to use this facility.

After the coffee break Sadha Banerjee from Westpac discussed how we can use computer banking with confidence. Important points were to ensure you close all other apps open on your computer before logging on to your bank website, notify your bank if you are going overseas—they may think someone has stolen your credit card or acquired your PIN and stop transactions on your card,. Use your own laptop at home rather than using any public computer, and most importantly **log-off** when you have been online. That's when hackers can and do get into your bank with ease.

In closing Brian drew at least 100 names before finding Michael Emson present to receive the USB lucky draw. Well done to both Michael and Brian.

## Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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*An oldie but a goodie - Not Neil, the pic..*



Did you know:

- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented in Roman Numerals.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair !!

Please email your comments, suggestions or ads to [dawn@senpak.nz](mailto:dawn@senpak.nz) by the 15th of the month for inclusion in next newsletter.

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*Window Problems* A blonde texts her husband on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open." Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and gently tap edges with hammer." Wife texts back 5 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

### **Course Booking Information**

- \* You must 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 in our Learning Centre at  
**12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.**
- \* Please park on the road as no parking is permitted on site.
- \* We require you to pay the course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash or cheque to the first session.

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